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Governor Hochul Illuminates NY Landmarks in Solidarity with the People of Ukraine



Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York State landmarks were lit blue and yellow Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27, in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Presents 2022 State of the County Address

- *County Executive Pat Ryan reported that the State of Ulster County is strong and that County government is on track and delivering tangible results across each of the Big Five Initiatives he established upon entering office*
- *County Executive Pat Ryan outlined bold, generational investments in housing, mental health and addiction recovery services, economic development, and climate action that will position Ulster County as a national leader*
- *County Executive Pat Ryan urged residents to look ahead to a bright, optimistic future for Ulster County; declaring, "COVID may remain part of our lives, but we can't let it dominate our lives"*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today delivered his third State of the County Address, highlighting the County's strength and resilience in the face of unprecedented challenges over the last two years. County Executive Ryan reflected on the County's achievements, ranging from retaking control of the former IBM site, to attracting a nation-leading marijuana company in Ellenville, to an historic re-investment in mental health, to the deployment of the County's first electric buses.

County Executive Ryan urged residents to begin to look "beyond the pandemic," and outlined a series of "generational investments" that the County is making to curb the housing crisis, protect the environment, and grow the economy through an anticipated half a billion dollars in future investments in major economic hubs in the Town of Ulster and Ellenville. (Contd. Pg. 13)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts 15:18

OBITUARY

Marie G. Dean, of Grahamsville, NY passed away on Sunday, February, 20, 2022 at Achieve Rehab and Nursing. She was 98 years old. Marie was born on November 21, 1923 in Eureka, NY; she was the daughter of the late George and Sarah (Amthor)



Gorton. She married Charles W. Dean on June 3, 1944. Charles sadly passed away in 1998. Marie was a former member of the

Claryville Reformed Church where she enjoyed attending the church functions and suppers. She was a member of the International Association of the Rebekah Assemblies in Grahamsville. Marie was a self-employed tax preparer and had worked as Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink. Marie loved attending auctions with her husband, NASCAR, fishing, flowers and her cats.

Marie is survived by her children, Andrew "Mike" Dean and his wife Lorraine of Claryville, Christine Merritt of Sterling Heights, MI and Penny Dean and her husband Gary Lowe of Woodlawn, VA; four grandchildren, Christine Sarosy, Spencer Merritt, Dean Merritt and Leonidas Merritt; nine great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren as well as several nieces.

In addition to her parents and her husband Charles, Marie was predeceased by her brothers, Andrew and George Gorton and her son-in-law Arthur "Jake" Merritt.

Visiting was held on Thursday, February 24th. A celebration of her life immediately followed at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville, NY. Burial took place in Claryville

Cemetery in the spring.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Achieve Rehab and Nursing for the wonderful care they provided to their mom.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Marie's name to the ASPCA.

Ronald W. Weyant, Sr., of Neversink, passed away on February 20, 2022. He was 82.

Ronald was born on July 5, 1939 in Cornwall, NY to Robert Weyant and Beatrice Vandervort. He served his country in the US Navy. By profession, he was employed by Frontier Communications in Monroe as a telephone installer and repairman. Ronald was active in his community, serving as a member of the Liberty Elks Lodge, Pioneers of America, and member of Boy Scout Troop 96. He was a true outdoorsman who could often be found on his lawnmower or landscaping his yard, in which he took great pride.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Patricia A. Montanye; his children, Ronald Weyant Jr. and his wife Emada, Robert Weyant and his wife Salie, Richard "Ricky" Weyant, Christopher Weyant and his companion Donna, and Arthur "L.A." Weyant and his wife Julie; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his sister, Marily Roach of Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A graveside service with Military Honors was held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 1 pm at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery in Liberty, NY.

Donations in Ronald's memory may be made to the Neversink Fire Department EMS or Neversink Fire Department, PO Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

To plant a tree in memory of Ronald Weyant, Sr., please visit Tribute Store

DAYS OF YORE.....

Today's History

March 5, 1952

Miss Mardelle Matzinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matzinger of Liberty, was married Saturday evening to Mr. Bruce Wilson Denman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville at the First Presbyterian Church in Liberty. The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School. Mr. Denman, now a private in the U.S. Marine Corps, is stationed in Washington, D.C.

Twenty guests attended a 16th birthday party Saturday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois' home on the Woodbourne Road in honor of their daughter, Ginny.

Born at Flower Hospital in New York City to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwald of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., a son, James Mark, on Friday, February 29th. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown, and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Greenwald of Mt. Vernon. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew George of Sundown.

March 7, 1962

March is a lamb and March is a lion,
It's also the time when housewives start tryin'
To scrub and to clean in a manner emphatic,
The entire shebang from cellar to attic.

KUM TO KRUM'S

March 15, 1972

An Eagle Scout Board of Review was held Friday night and Barry Low, son of Mrs. Yolanda Low of Grahamsville, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank. A Court of Honor will be held in April to present Barry with his medal along with the recognition and honor for his achievement.

A surprise 25th Anniversary party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Drown on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bonnell. It was given by the Drown's children, David, Melanie, and Bonnie and Bill Deagle. Approximately 25 friends attended the party.

March 11, 1982

Myrtle Dean, widow of Archie Dean, Sr. of Neversink celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday. A surprise party was held for her by her children at the VFW home in Woodbourne, with about 50 relatives and friends there.

Household Hint:

Revive your paintbrushes

To remove dried-on paint from a synthetic-bristle paintbrush, soak it in full-strength white vinegar until the paint dissolves and the bristles are soft and pliable, then wash in hot, soapy water.

Does a paintbrush seem beyond hope? Before you toss it, try boiling it in 1-2 cups vinegar for 10 minutes, followed by a thorough washing in soapy water.

Nature Column - A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater and Shirley Davis.

Sap - A Sign of Spring!

There are reports from some hearty anglers that fish are biting! Of course, they have to dig a hole through the thick ice.

The snow, ice and cold temperatures, a few sunny days, and even a day with temps of 60° and above, over the past week definitely reflects the confusion over this year's Groundhog's Prediction! The reality may be that winter is still not over - but spring is definitely not far away according to the calendar. And there are certain actions that point in that direction too.

Here and there you will still see some old-fashioned maple syrup buckets hung on taps indicating that the trees are waking up and the sap has begun to flow. And of course, you will see many places in



the Tri-Valley area where more sophisticated networks have been set up to gather sap from the maple trees.

What causes the sap to flow out of the trees?



Weather is a crucial factor for a good harvest of maple syrup. Tapping trees occurs in late winter and early spring. During cooler periods when temperatures fall below freezing, a suction called negative pressure develops, drawing water into the tree through the roots. A rise in temperature of the sapwood from below freezing at night to above 32 degrees Fahrenheit

during the day causes a positive pressure within the wood. This pressure produces the sap flow. Looking ahead at the weather forecast for next few weeks, it looks like the perfect combination will continue through early March.

The sap flows through a portion of the outer tree trunk called sapwood. Sapwood consists of actively growing cells that conduct water and nutrients (sap) from the roots to the branches of the tree. During the day, activity in the cells of sapwood produces carbon dioxide. This carbon dioxide is released to the intercellular spaces in the sapwood. In addition, carbon dioxide in sap is released into the spaces between the cells. Both of these sources of carbon dioxide cause pressure to build up in the cells. A third source of pressure is called osmotic pressure, which is caused by the presence of sugar and other substances dissolved in the sap.

At night or during other times when temperatures go below freezing, the carbon dioxide cools and therefore contracts. Some of the carbon dioxide also becomes dissolved in the cooled sap. Finally, some of the sap freezes. All of these factors create suction in the tree. This causes water from the soil to be drawn up into the roots and travel up through the sapwood. When temperatures rise above freezing the sap flow begins again.

Thus, the cycle of warm and cool periods is essential for sap flow. Temperatures too warm or too cool during the "sap season" will reduce the amount of sap flow resulting in lower maple syrup production.

Good sap years also depend on the growing season of the previous summer to store as much carbohydrates as possible in the form of starch. The stored starch reserves convert to sucrose (sugar) and are dissolved in the sap as spring approaches. The amount of sugar in the springtime sap depends on many factors including tree genetics, leaf mass, site conditions, amount of sun the previous growing season and overall tree health.

How long can a maple tree produce sap? As long as a tree remains healthy, it should continue to produce sap for years if not decades. In fact, it has been noted some trees have been producing sap for more than 100 years! A healthy tree, when properly tapped, should not suffer any adverse health effects and should be able to produce sap for many years to come.

Next time you are having pancakes, waffles or French Toast covered in pure maple syrup, keep in mind that it takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to produce just one delicious gallon of fresh maple syrup!

Lowest Number of Hunting-Related Shooting Incidents Since DEC's Hunter Education Program Was Established in 1949

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that the 2021 hunting seasons in New York were the safest ever, with the lowest number of hunting-related shooting incidents since record-keeping began. DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECO) investigated nine hunting-related shooting incidents (HRSIs) in 2021, including one fatality.

"Hunting is an enjoyable and safe form of outdoor recreation with a long and storied history in New York State," Commissioner Seggos said. "This past year was the safest-ever on record in New York, with the lowest number of hunting-related shooting incidents since DEC's Hunter Education Program began in 1949. I'm proud of our Hunter Education Program, and our educators and volunteer instructors, working to ensure licensed hunters experience a safe hunting season. Every hunting fatality is preventable when New Yorkers hunt safely and responsibly."

Seven of the nine HRSIs that occurred in 2021 were two-party firearm incidents; two incidents were self-inflicted. All identified shooters were experienced hunters with an average of 40 years of hunting experience, emphasizing the need for all hunters to remain vigilant when heading afield. All incidents could have been prevented if those involved followed hunting safety rules.

A new hunting regulation that took effect in 2021 extended legal shooting hours for big game to 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. None of the deer hunting incidents last year took place during the new extended hours. The four incidents involving deer hunters occurred between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Another new regulation change effective last year requires all persons hunting deer or bear with a firearm, or anyone accompanying these hunters, to wear a solid or patterned fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink hat, vest, or jacket, visible from all directions. Unfortunately, the single fatality that occurred in 2021 involved a deer hunter not wearing fluorescent orange or pink. The hunter was mistaken for game and shot by a hunting partner.

Also new in 2021, 52 upstate counties passed local laws allowing 12- and 13-year-old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow while under the supervision of an experienced, licensed, adult hunter. None of the nine HRSIs investigated in 2021 involved a 12- or 13-year-old hunter.

All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must successfully complete a hunter, bowhunter, or trapper education safety course before being eligible to purchase a hunting or trapping license or bowhunting privilege in New York State. DEC-trained and -certified volunteer instructors have taught hunters and trappers to be safe, responsible, and ethical since 1949. Learn more about DEC's Hunter Education Program.

DEC encourages hunters to remember the primary rules of hunter safety:

- o Treat every firearm as if it were loaded;
- o Control the muzzle, keep it pointed in a safe direction;
- o Identify your target and what lies beyond;
- o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire; and

- o Wear hunter orange or pink.

For the past several years, DEC has also tracked and investigated Elevated Hunting Incidents (EHI), previously referred to as tree stand incidents. EHIs are underreported and DEC is not always notified when these falls occur. In 2021, 10 EHIs were reported; one was fatal. Only one of the 10 hunters involved was wearing a safety harness. However, the harness was not connected to the tree when the fall occurred. Tree stand safety is integrated into DEC's hunter education course because these incidents have become a major cause of hunting-related injuries. The proper use of tree stands, and tree stand safety equipment, will help prevent these injuries and fatalities. Used correctly, a full body harness and a lifeline keep hunters connected from the time they leave the ground to the moment they get back down.

Most tree stand incidents are preventable when hunters follow the "ABCs" of tree stand safety:

- o Always inspect the tree stand before every use;
- o Buckle full body harness securely every time; and
- o Connect to the tree before your feet leave the ground.

A video showing the proper way to climb into and out of a tree stand can be viewed on DEC's YouTube channel. More information, including the 2021 Hunting Safety Statistics (PDF) and 2021 Tree Stand Safety Statistics (PDF), is available on DEC's website.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

Mountainkeeper Celebrated Catskill Park Day

Last week Mountainkeeper celebrated Catskill Park Day by taking a look at our region's unique native plant species in our Wild Wonders webinar. Nearly 300 of our friends and supporters signed on for this informative presentation, and we were really happy with the lively discussion-and all the great questions asked by webinar participants. If you missed this webinar, or just want to revisit the conversation, you can watch the full recording on Mountainkeeper's website at:

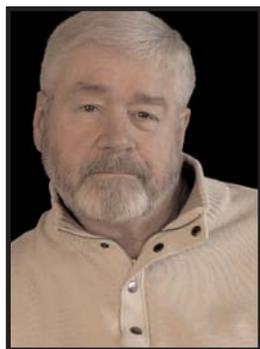
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Wild Wonders wouldn't have been possible without the expertise of our great guest panel:

- o Marc Wolf, Director of Mountain Top Arboretum; and
- o John Thompson, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) Coordinator at the Catskill Center.

Marc and John took webinar participants on a virtual tour of the native plants at Mountain Top Arboretum, and shared tips about where to purchase native plants, what conditions they thrive in, and how you can introduce them to your own gardens.

We didn't have time to get to all of the great questions asked during the webinar and so, as promised, we've added the panelists' responses below. We've also compiled native plant information and resources, including a list of the many plant species that can be found at different sites within Mountain Top Arboretum, which you can access on Mountainkeeper's website by clicking below.



Vital Lies

Mysterious Book Report No. 479

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Vital Lies, (Thomas & Mercer, \$24.95, 404 pages, ISBN 978-1-5420-3104-2), by award-winning screen-writer, producer and author Daniel Pyne is a spy-thriller that begins with a flashback to December 3, 1990. In East Berlin, at the Hohenschönhausen Prison, a young twenty year-old American woman named Aubrey Sentro stumbles toward freedom after being imprisoned and tortured for more than a year by the East German Secret Police . . . known as the Stasi. The USSR has collapsed and the Berlin Wall is in the process of falling, while at the same time, the head-

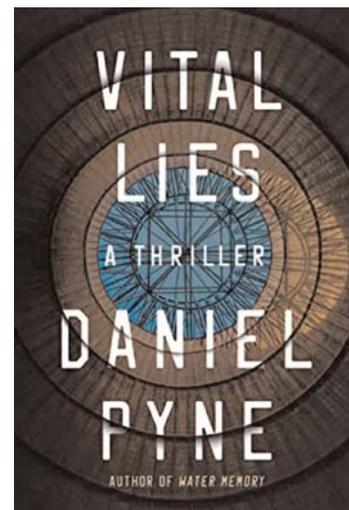
quarters of state security is being looted and the political prisoners set free from their jail cells. Sentro, is still suffering the effects of her time in captivity, is trying to make her way back to the American Sector and escape from a man named Günter Witt, a legendary Stasi officer known only by his code name "Pogo" to the CIA. Aubrey Sentro is the lone American who has seen his face and can identify him.

The novel then fast-forwards to the present, where Pogo appears to have re-surfaced and is engineering terrorist mayhem. Aubrey Sentro, now fifty years-old, retired from the CIA, and still suffering memory loss from her year of torture, joins in the race to find him. Her remote ranch in New Mexico is attacked by a Chechen terrorist and a Cuban sniper . . . who may, or may not be working with the missing Stasi mastermind. In a pitched battle, Sentro and her daughter Jenny Troon, emerge unscathed, but her lover and hired hand is killed. At the same time the old secret agent finds that she has lost none of the fighting skills she acquired during her time with the CIA. From there, the story races back and forth across the globe as the one-time spy and her daughter attempt to re-establish her missing memories and find the master terrorist known as Pogo. The tension, the suspense and the drama will have readers racing through the pages to find out what happens next as the pair of unlikely heroines do their best to stop a monstrous act of butchery. This one will leave you gasping !!

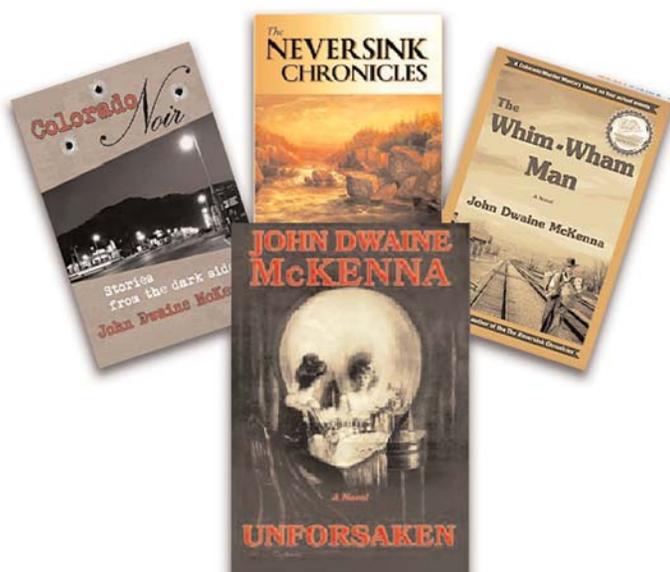
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Russia Threatens World Peace

Alan Dowd chronicles the Russian threat to world peace in the February 2022 edition of *The American Legion Magazine*. I quote and paraphrase from the article.

From its beginning in 1918 the Russian Communists led by Lenin and then Stalin sought to achieve power and control populations by intimidation, brutality and death. "Lenin murdered 6 million people and Stalin three times as many. During Stalin's reign from 1925 to 1953 Communism spread to Eastern Europe, China, North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba. President Reagan referred to the USSR as the "evil empire" and President Eisenhower stated the Soviet government believed in the "force of huge armies, subversion, and rule of neighboring nations."

Today, Putin is trying to bring back the USSR to its former size with confrontation in the Ukraine. He annexed the Ukrainian Crimea eight years ago and is now poised to take all of Ukraine. NATO, the United States and other countries must stand up against Putin and deter him with economic sanctions and force if necessary. Otherwise, the free world could be faced with threats to other former Soviet bloc European countries as Putin tries to reestablish the Russian empire.

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The Studio provides an intimate setting for taking in these classic films on a big screen over four Sunday matinees at 2pm, March through May.

Each of the presentations will run approximately two hours and include a short subject from the same period as the showcase feature. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors, and \$10 for kids under 18, and may be purchased in advance next week OR at the door. We hope you'll join us, and help us spread the word!

Get Tickets! Go to:

https://shadowlandstages.org/cinema/?mc_cid=e36e9f0339&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

SAVE THE DATE!

You're invited to our 2022 Season Celebration / Subscriber Appreciation Day / Open House!

All are welcome to stop by The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES (our new second stage / black box theatre at 14 Market Street @ Center Street) on Sunday, March 20th any time from 3pm to 5pm. Pick up a brochure, meet some of the artists, renew your subscription, get to know our Board of Directors, see the new space AND be the first to hear our big announcement revealing the final season show!

Reminder: Kids theatre classes start April 2nd at Shadowland Stages.

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When you drive up the road into Garnet Health Medical Center-Catskills or New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake, you are greeted by huge signs that say, "Heroes Work Here". These signs would be appropriate at the entrances to so many places in Sullivan County, especially at Rolling V Bus Company and all the school buildings. Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) honored Rolling V for their year-round service to bring the school children safely to and from school on February 22, 2022-School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.



Left to right are Rolling V Bus Company Terminal Manager at South Fallsburg Garage Edgar Espinoza, bus driver Anita Young, and BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour

Throughout the week prior to the 22nd, children at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), were making cards and signing them for the drivers and monitors on every school bus route. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour collected them and added little goody bags for each driver. She placed them in a large decorated box filled with folders for each bus route and delivered them to the Rolling V bus garage in South Fallsburg in the early afternoon on February 22.



Children's cards of appreciation

Receiving the 275 cards of appreciation were Terminal Manager Edgar Espinoza and bus driver Anita Young, a veteran of twenty years' service to the Fallsburg community and most recently in charge of the Turtle Route. Edgar is married to Jeannette Espinoza, first grade teacher and mother of three boys in the FCSD.

Appropriately, the photo of the presentation of the children's cards was taken in the lobby of the Rolling V offices surrounded by many plaques of appreciation and awards for the company's devoted service to the FCSD since the early 1990's.

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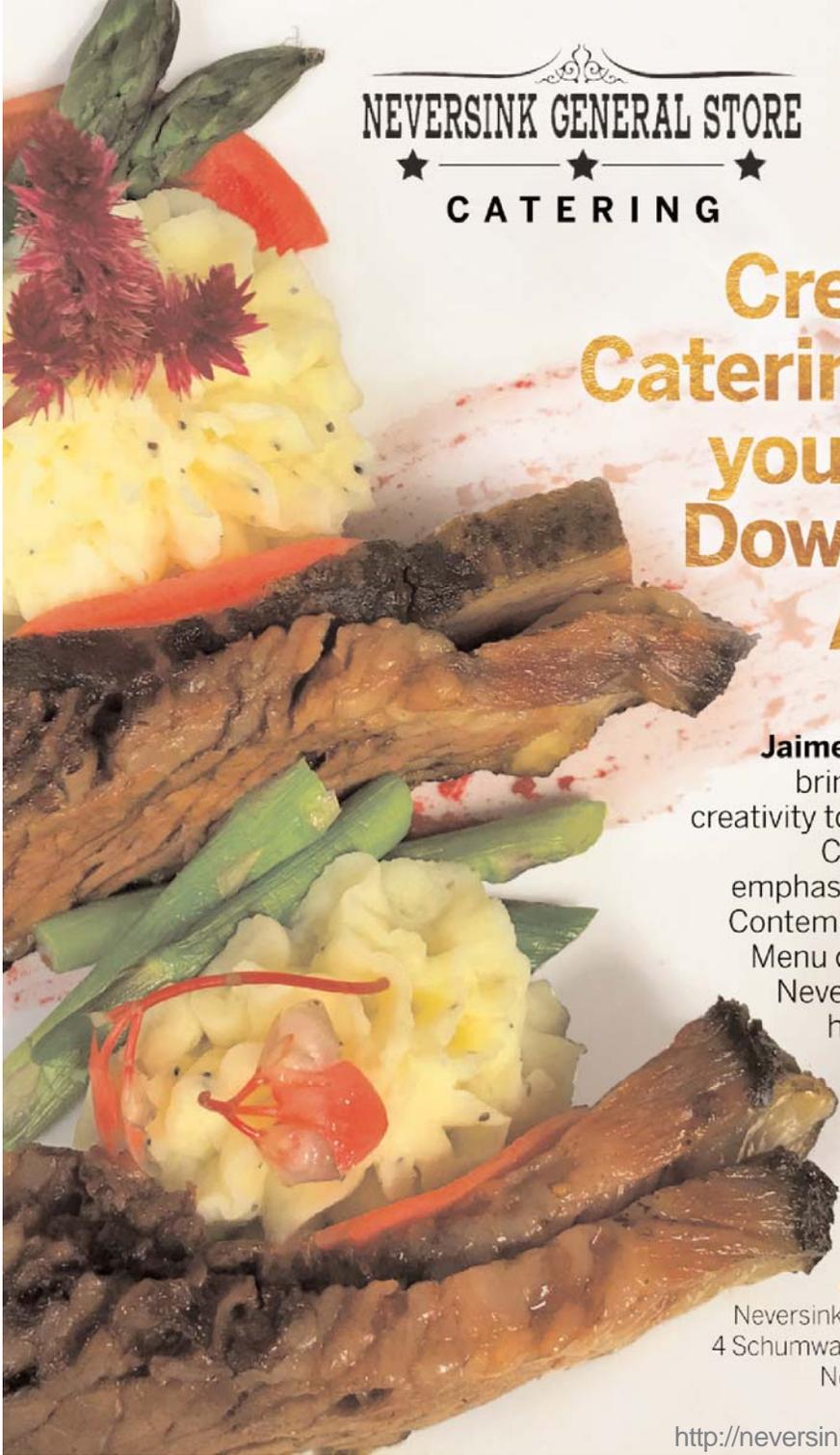
You might be pleasantly surprised to know that arts and culture is alive and well, even during the winter. On display through Saturday at The Catskill Art Society in Livingston Manor is the colorful, textural, and playful fiber works of Artist in Residence, Annie Raife. The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg is showcasing the abstract paintings of Tif Wolf and the group show, For the Love of Wood. These two exhibits - each of which draw inspiration from nature and the natural resources of this region - are on view through March 27.

For a different kind of art, explore the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, our collection of 60 hand-painted doves celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. And always remember to visit our shopkeepers for some unique home goods and other goodies to take home. There is plenty more to explore. Check SullivanCatskills.com, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok feeds, too, for the most up-to-date happenings!

After all that fun, you're going to be sleepy so you best plan to stay over. Try a full-service resort, intimate small inn, vacation rental, or B&B. We have plenty of rooms, and there are always special promotions worth checking out. It's the Month of Love at Yo1 Health Resort. At Villa Roma you get to choose between the All Inclusive Fun Stay or the Choose your Own Fun Stay package. And there's a Slopes and Slides special at Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark that features a breakfast credit and lift tickets to Holiday Mountain.

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Local Partners Work Together to Promote the Central Catskills

February 23, 2022 -- Arkville, NY: The Catskill Center, Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, and Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway have collaborated on a poster campaign to promote the Central Catskills. The posters have been installed at Belleayre Mountain Ski Center with the aim of attracting skiers to nearby businesses and communities.

There are three posters at Belleayre, all with QR codes - one promoting the Catskills Visitor Center; one for the Scenic Byway (which runs mainly along Route 28 in parts of Ulster and Delaware Counties); and a third for the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. (Contd. Pg. 10)



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(From Pg. 9) “The new marketing strategy developed through collaboration among Belleayre Mountain, the Catskill Center/Catskills Visitor Center, the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, and the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway is a valuable example of how to work together to support our local economy and to welcome visitors to our region,” said Carol O’Beirne, Executive Director of the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. “The goal is simple messaging and ease of access to information.”

“The Catskills Visitor Center is an integral part of the Central Catskills and the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway experiences, and we’re proud to team up with the Chamber of Commerce and the Scenic Byway to promote opportunities for visitors to explore, enjoy, and support our local communities,” said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. “Partnerships like this benefit us all and help extend the reach of the Catskills Visitor Center to more visitors, which in turn helps those visitors learn about the Catskill Park, responsible recreation, and our many communities. We look forward to even more collaboration in the Central Catskills and beyond.”

In addition to Belleayre, the poster images are in the March issue of the Catskill Mountain Region Guide.

“Belleayre Mountain is very happy to partner up with the Chamber, Catskills Visitor Center, and the Scenic Byway,” said Joe McCracken, Marketing Manager for Belleayre Mountain Ski Center. “Our goal is to get guests who are visiting us at the mountain to explore the rest of the region, and these posters are an easy way of putting information in front of our guests.”

The Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce serves as the administrator for the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway. The Catskill Center manages and operates the Catskills Visitor Center.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Sunday before last, February 20, I was back out at CABERNET FRANK'S as they hosted a special afternoon to celebrate the dual birthdays (one day apart) of Dobro master BOBBY D. and friend BILLY who lives in Parksville with an equally special performance by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. It was an excellent' second day out since December' for me.

I can't express how grand it was to see JOHNNY and the band again. To sit and listen to their music live.

And to reconnect with those I have come to consider friends, face to face (sort of, yes I'm still careful).

The afternoon started off on a great note. As Johnny told the gathering celebrants their first song would be by RAY PRICE, a woman who had just walked in exclaimed "OH I LOVE RAY PRICE!!" and that pretty much set the tone. I hope she wasn't disappointed as their version is a bit more sophisticated. But then I can't see anyone being disappointed by the renditions of this band.



Core group JOHNNY JULES (guitar and lead vocals), DAVE D'ARCY (Bass and vocals), and birthday boy (the 19th) BOBBY D. (Dobro) were joined by MANGO MIKE (banjo), PAUL STARK (mandolin), and JOHN CONDON (drums) as they wended their way flawlessly through selections from their vast repertoire of classic, easily recognizable classics from Bluegrass, Country and Folk, all of which make them one of the most popular groups in the area.

Still, on this celebratory day, many of us were there with heavy hearts as we had just learned Saturday afternoon of the passing of our beloved good friend and musical brother known as 'NICKY REDD'. Nicky was well known as an old school drummer who rode with the times and could lay the foundation beats for any type of music. I don't remember where I initially met Nicky, but I know our fast-friendship was immediate and before I started writing. He was a character in the best sense. He once grumbled at me that 'RED' was with one 'D' and I told him I would always use two. He grumbled some more, then we laughed. Nicky never let his heart problems stop him, but he also knew his limits and never pushed beyond them. He watched his diet, never drank and was anti-smoking. If he was able, he would spend an afternoon at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE practicing alone with his drums. He was a fixture in their Open Mics and the Open Mics at CABERNET FRANK'S, DUTCH'S, THE DALE and even RAFTERS in CALLICOON. And it wasn't unusual to see him out at these same places for whatever live music was on tap on the weekends either, if he felt able. And those of us who knew him well, never questioned when he would just leave abruptly. We knew, it was because it was time for him to rest. Or it was time to feed his beloved kitty,



CUTIE. Recently, he had joined WADE and RJ at CABERNET FRANK'S for the football playoffs. He was with JOHNNY JULES for Superbowl Sunday. And then he was gone.

And those of us who knew him, miss him greatly.

And his kitty has found a good home with his neighbor who adores her.

RIP, my friend.

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Statement from Governor Hochul Welcoming Ukrainians to New York

"Like millions across the globe, New Yorkers are watching the situation in Ukraine with fear and outrage. New York is proudly home to the largest Ukrainian population in the United States. We condemn the unjustified violence and we are grateful to President Biden for his leadership in this moment of global crisis.

"Our prayers are with the Ukrainian people, including those in New York who are scared for their family and loved ones. Just as the Statue of Liberty stands tall in our harbor, New York stands ready to welcome Ukrainian refugees. We remain engaged with the Biden Administration and we will be prepared to accept and support those who seek shelter in our state."

Gillibrand Statement on Russia Attack on Ukraine

Washington, D.C. - Addressing Russia's attack on Ukraine, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement:

"My prayers are with the people of Ukraine in this terrible moment. President Putin's unprovoked, unnecessary and unjustified war will inflict needless suffering on the people of Ukraine and has threatened the security of the entire world. The U.S. must lead the effort to hold Russia accountable. Together with our allies, the U.S. must impose crushing sanctions on Russia and strengthen the defenses of our NATO allies. The world must be united and resolute against this act of aggression."

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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Presents 2022 State of the County Address

- *County Executive Pat Ryan reported that the State of Ulster County is strong and that County government is on track and delivering tangible results across each of the Big Five Initiatives he established upon entering office*
- *County Executive Pat Ryan outlined bold, generational investments in housing, mental health and addiction recovery services, economic development, and climate action that will position Ulster County as a national leader*
- *County Executive Pat Ryan urged residents to look ahead to a bright, optimistic future for Ulster County; declaring, "COVID may remain part of our lives, but we can't let it dominate our lives"*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today delivered his third State of the County Address, highlighting the County's strength and resilience in the face of unprecedented challenges over the last two years. County Executive Ryan reflected on the County's achievements, ranging from retaking control of the former IBM site, to attracting a nation-leading marijuana company in Ellenville, to an historic re-investment in mental health, to the deployment of the County's first electric buses.

County Executive Ryan urged residents to begin to look "beyond the pandemic," and outlined a series of "generational investments" that the County is making to curb the housing crisis, protect the environment, and grow the economy through an anticipated half a billion dollars in future investments in major economic hubs in the Town of Ulster and Ellenville "The State of our County is strong, not only because we're meeting the immediate needs of our residents at a time of such great challenge, but also because we have our eyes on the future," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "We are making generational investments that will position Ulster County as a national leader; a beacon of growth and dynamism that's also committed to taking care of our most vulnerable. A community we can all be proud of."

Economy

County Executive Ryan highlighted the following accomplishments, showing significant progress towards the County's "Grow and Diversify Our Economy for All" initiative:

- o Developed comprehensive "Ulster 2040" strategy, outlining a series of immediate and long-term investments to guide and focus economic development by the County and its partner agencies. The report, adopted by the Ulster County Legislature, can be found here.
- o After years of the former IBM site sitting stagnant, Ulster County started foreclosure proceedings, solicited proposals to redevelop the site, and eventually through a court-ordered settlement transferred the property to National Resources. Over the next five to ten years, National Resources expects to invest in excess of \$200 million to improve and revitalize the site, which they believe will lead to the creation of up to 1,000 good-paying jobs for Ulster County residents.
- o Attracted a nation-leading marijuana company that will invest over \$200 million and create over 400 good-paying jobs. The redevelopment of the former Schrade site would involve the construction of a new building dedicated to growing and cultivation, in addition to space for processing, production, packaging, distribution and administrative offices.
- o Continued to support Ulster County's small businesses. Recently providing nearly \$1 million in direct relief to 29 of our businesses

across the county, with another \$3 million allocated in the coming years. During the pandemic, Ulster County assisted businesses in receiving \$8.2 million in Small Business Association (SBA) sourced loans during the first quarter of 2020 and over \$120 million in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans in the first round of the program.

"As a small business owner, the County's commitment to direct relief and support means businesses like mine can continue to grow and thrive here," Chris Baker of Chicory Naturalist and CARES grant recipient said, "Ulster County is not only a great place to work but an amazing place to provide unique economic opportunities."

Housing

County Executive Ryan highlighted the following accomplishments, showing significant progress towards the County's "Ensure Justice for All Residents" initiative:

- o Developed a comprehensive Ulster County Housing Action Plan. The plan recommends immediate action steps including: the creation of an ongoing Housing Task Force to advise the County Legislature and County Executive on housing policy and partnerships with developers to build housing within the fabric of existing neighborhoods on vacant lots; adaptive reuse of existing structures for housing; and the creation of supportive and transitional housing.
- o Continued to press forward on an innovative plan that would redevelop the site of the former Ulster County Jail at Golden Hill and create 160 units of mixed income, intergenerational and workforce housing. The development will include a 5,000 square-foot community building, providing gathering and fitness space for residents and space for local community organizations to offer services. All buildings will be constructed to high efficiency levels, utilizing advanced electric heating and cooling technologies and incorporating rooftop solar.
- o Started a groundbreaking project at the former Quality Inn on Route 28 in the Town of Ulster to address the critical need to provide housing to those most vulnerable. The project will create 100 apartments with kitchen and other amenities, as well as wrap-around services including health and mental health care, career counseling and job training, childcare, and support for finding permanent housing. The first housing units at the new facility are expected to be available to begin meeting these needs by the Spring of 2022.

"Housing is one of the most important issues of our time, and we have seen the direct impact of housing insecurity on families and our community," Rabbi Yael Romer of Congregation Emanuel and the Kingston Interfaith Council said. "Providing more housing will make a huge difference in the lives of so many, and we thank the Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan for his partnership in addressing this critical need."

Mental Health and Addiction Recovery

County Executive Ryan highlighted the following accomplishments, showing significant progress towards the County's "Tackle the Opioid Epidemic" initiative:

- o Embedded a full time social worker in Ulster County Mobile Mental Health, available to respond to 911 calls, and expanded the program through the 2022 budget to include additional communities. Residents who are experiencing a mental health crisis who call 911 will now be met with a trained trauma informed emergency response.
- o Declared a public health emergency due to the rise in deaths caused by fentanyl. This allowed Ulster County to focus efforts on aggressively targeting the gangs and drug dealers.
- o Established the High-Risk Mitigation Team - which partnered with the Sheriff's ORACLE team and assisted over 300 residents. A collaboration between ORACLE, Samadhi, Catholic Charities, People USA, Ellenville Regional Hospital, and the Ulster County Health and Mental Health Department, individuals who are at risk of overdosing are connected to a peer care navigator to track their treatment progress. (Contd. Pg. 14)

UC Executive Pat Ryan Presents 2022 State of the County Address

(From Pg. 13)

o Through investments in the 2022 Executive Budget, Ulster County will re-establish a fully-functioning Mental Health Department, significantly bolster County-level investment in direct mental health services, and become one of the first counties in the State to build a Crisis Stabilization Center, enabling us to serve our residents in need 24/7.

o Participated in a landmark statewide settlement agreement that will see Ulster County receive a maximum of \$7,895,750 from Johnson & Johnson and other opioid companies. The settlement funds will be used as part of Ulster County's continued effort to combat the opioid crisis.

"Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to partner with Ulster County developing innovative approaches that improve health and mental health outcomes for our residents," Ellenville Regional Hospital CEO Steve Kelly said. "The collaboration we have made in combating the opioid crisis, including the High Risk Mitigation Team, are impactful, have saved lives, and serve as models for tackling this problem throughout the country. We look forward to continuing this important work together."

Environment/Green New Deal for Ulster County

County Executive Ryan highlighted the following accomplishments, showing significant progress towards the County's "A Green New Deal for Ulster County" initiative:

o Ulster County became the first County in New York State and among the first in the nation to release a comprehensive Green New Deal plan. The report lays out an ambitious agenda over three critical areas to spur transformation across the Ulster County community. Each section is broken down by time frame into immediate efforts that will be launched this year, aggressive interim targets for 2025, and long-term transformative goals to reach by 2040.

o Through the first Executive Order of his administration, committed Ulster County to use 100% renewable energy by 2030. The Executive Order includes an aggressive goal to supply 100% of the electricity consumed by the County's buildings and fleet from locally-generated, renewable sources.

o Established the Ulster County Green Careers Academy, an eight-week training program, in partnership with SUNY Ulster, that will deliver the skills and expertise necessary to begin careers in the expanding clean technology industry. The Green Careers Academy will offer courses providing a solid foundation in clean technology, from basic energy-efficient building design principles to solar panel installations. Instructors are local, experienced professionals in the field of clean technology and are involved in growing the local clean technology community.

o Selected as the Chair of the NYSAC Climate Resiliency Committee as a result of his leadership on environmental issues. The bipartisan committee is composed of officials in County positions most directly impacted by changes in the climate. Its membership comes from all regions of the state and work in diverse areas of County and State government.

"It is exciting to see the progress the County has made toward achieving a Green New Deal for Ulster County," Susan Gillespie of Citizens for Local Power said. "Building an equitable green economy that is locally based, bringing new green jobs and careers, thousands of energy retrofits of homes and businesses, community solar, and electric vehicles like the County's new buses are absolutely the directions we need to go to respond to the climate crisis. The County's Green New Deal empowers our communities to make the changes that are so vital now, and crucial for the next generation."

You may view County Executive Pat Ryan's 2022 State of the County address at: <https://vimeo.com/680952368>

Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$65 Million in Federal Emergency Home Heating Aid

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$65 million in funding remains available to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers avoid having their home heating disconnected or exhausting their heating source amid fuel price increases this winter. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program is now accepting second emergency benefit applications for those New Yorkers who have used up their regular and first emergency benefits and are facing a heating emergency.

"Energy prices remain at sky-high levels, putting a tremendous burden on struggling New Yorkers trying to pay their energy bills during these cold winter months," Governor Hochul said. "With just a few more weeks of winter left, this second round of emergency assistance will provide critical relief for low- and middle-income households, helping New Yorkers in need when the temperatures dip to frigid levels."

Income qualifying households that have exhausted the available regular HEAP benefit and the first emergency benefit may now apply for a second round of assistance, provided they are facing either a heating utility shutoff, or an electric utility service disconnection that will impact their primary heating equipment. Also qualifying are households that have exhausted their heating fuel supply or have less than one quarter of a tank of oil, kerosene, or propane; or that have less than a 10-day supply of other heating fuels.

Demand for heating assistance through HEAP has been high so far this winter season. More than 1.4 million regular benefits totaling \$212 million have been issued since the program opened in October, with an additional 28,000 emergency benefits totaling \$25 million provided since January 3.

To qualify, applicants must meet HEAP eligibility criteria and income guidelines, which vary by household size. For instance, a family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,249 or an annual gross income of \$62,983.

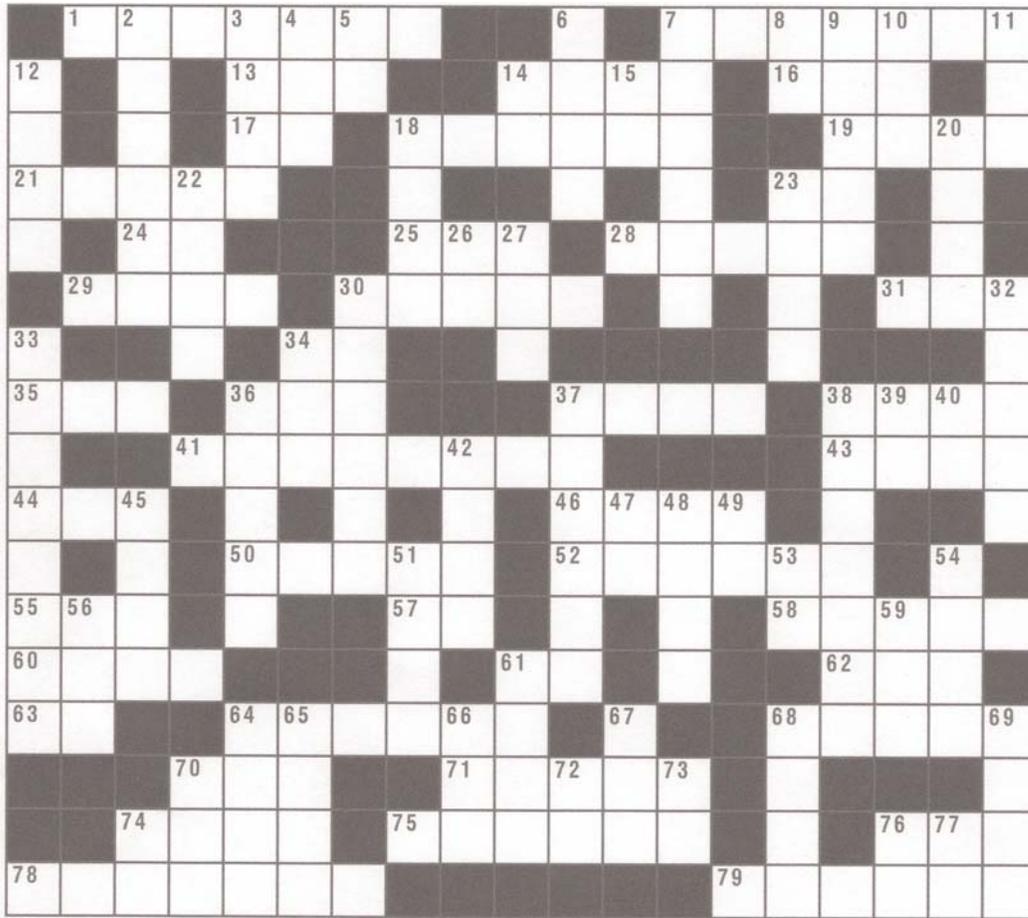
Last fall, the New York Public Service Commission projected increases in supply prices this winter, with the cost of natural gas used both to heat homes and generate electricity rising sharply and sometimes more than doubling the cost of the supply component of customer electric and/or natural gas bills. These bill increases are being driven by a global increase in natural gas commodity prices due to higher domestic usage resulting from colder-than-normal weather, increased economic activity, and increased international demand.

In response to the anticipated spike in energy prices, the emergency benefit amount per household was increased by at least 32 percent, and upward of 42 percent, depending on the type of heating fuel used for the household. The period to apply for both the regular and emergency benefit was also extended to April 29.

In October 2021, Governor Hochul announced \$373 million for home heating aid to assist New Yorkers during cold weather months and since January 3, 2022, more than \$25 million in Emergency Assistance has been distributed to New Yorkers. This February, Governor Hochul announced that \$65 million in funding remains available to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers avoid having their home heating disconnected or exhausting their heating source amid fuel price increases in the third month of winter.

Additionally, back in November, Governor Hochul launched a digital media campaign designed to raise awareness of the various state programs available to help struggling New Yorkers pay heating and utility expenses to avoid potential service interruptions during the cold weather months. The campaign also provides tips and best practices to help contend with higher-than-average home heating costs. (Contd. Pg. 17)

In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb- L. Comando



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- 13 Very long period of time
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- 23 Starting price
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- 25 Overturn
- 28 Revel in
- 29 Old
- 30 Give fresh life
- 31 Picnic pest
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- 35 Nocturnal bird
- 36 Magnesium steel wheel
- 37 Luminous heavenly body
- 38 Lowest part of something
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- 43 Animal representing the way March usually arrives
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- 46 Swiss mountains
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- 55 Ultraviolet radiation
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- 63 South America
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 - 71 Perceptible natural movements of air
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- 8 Resting atop
- 9 Baby's diaper
- 10 Self importance
- 11 Stayed in one's seat
- 12 Young sheep
- 14 Egyptian sun god
- 15 Gospel of Luke
- 18 Poker stake
- 20 Cygnus
- 22 Simple roofed structure
- 23 Not hard
- 26 Surrounded by
- 27 Domesticated animal
- 30 Area
- 32 The years of a person's age from 13 to 19
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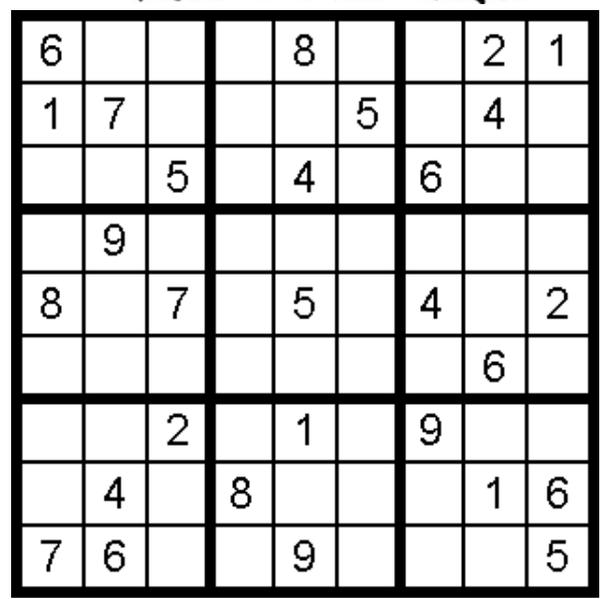
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- 49 Senior
- 51 Orderly
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- 54 Having moved rapidly
- 56 By way of
- 59 Major division of time
- 61 Coalition
- 64 Climbing plant
- 65 Not sealed
- 66 Female sheep
- 67 Lyric poem
- 68 Large edible fish
- 69 At any time
- 70 Neither
- 72 Northern Territory
- 73 South Dakota
- 74 Hour (abbrev)
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Impossibly Easy Roasted Peppers and Feta Cheese Pie

- 12 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
 - 4 medium green onions, sliced (1/4 cup)
 - 1/3 cup chopped roasted red bell peppers, from 7-ounce jar, drained
 - 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 3/4 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
 - 3 eggs
- Heat oven to 400°F. Grease pie plate, 9x1 1/4 inches.
- Mix bacon, onions and bell peppers in pie plate. Sprinkle with cheese. Stir remaining ingredients in medium bowl until blended. Pour into pie plate.
- Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes.

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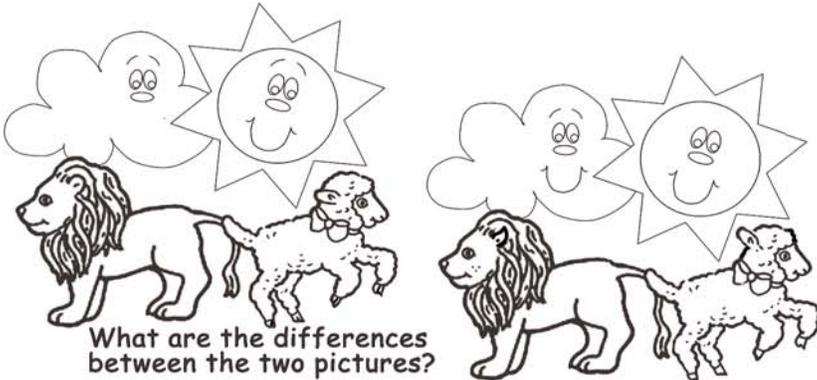
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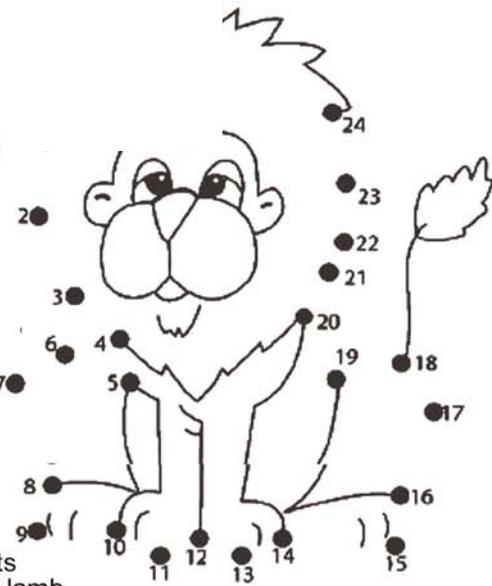
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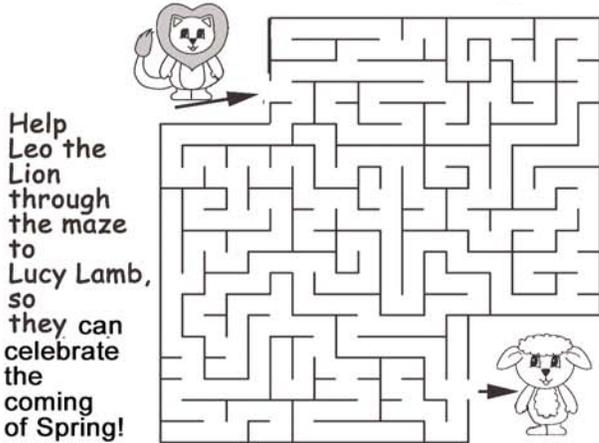
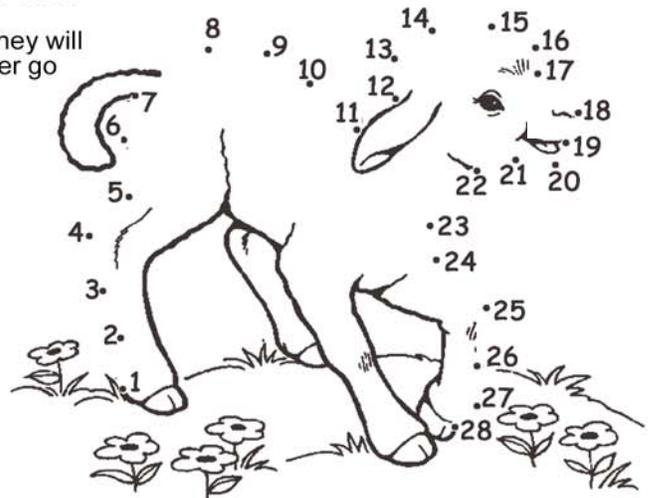
What are the differences between the two pictures?

... to see who may be March winds begin - and then...



... follow the dots to see the gentle lamb as white as snow

Together they will make winter go



Help Leo the Lion through the maze to Lucy Lamb, so they can celebrate the coming of Spring!

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Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$65 Million in Federal Emergency Home Heating Aid

(From Pg. 14) Applications for assistance are accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone, with funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis. A list of local offices by county can be found here. Residents outside of New York City may also apply online for regular heating assistance benefits. New York City residents may download an application and obtain program information here.

Since the fall, the state Department of Public Service has been conducting outreach to alert the public of projected cost increases this winter. Last month, the agency conducted a series of virtual workshops with other state agencies to publicize financial assistance programs such as HEAP; utility energy affordability programs; weatherization measures; and other actions consumers can take to be energy efficient.

Attorney General James Sues to Block UnitedHealth Group's Proposed Acquisition of Change Healthcare

New York Attorney General Letitia James today filed an antitrust lawsuit with the U.S. Department of Justice and the State of Minnesota to stop the proposed acquisition of Change Healthcare (Change) by UnitedHealth Group (United).

The lawsuit alleges that the acquisition would give United, one of the nation's largest health insurers, an unparalleled competitive advantage - allowing it to use Change's enormous repository of claims data to raise costs for its competitors, hobble their ability to compete with United, and deny them access to innovations. The acquisition would reduce competition among health insurers, likely leading to increased healthcare costs and decreased quality of services for New Yorkers.

"It's concerning that amidst a devastating pandemic United is pursuing actions that would drive up healthcare costs and reduce the quality of services for New Yorkers and patients nationwide," said Attorney General James. "New Yorkers need affordable healthcare, not health insurance companies primarily concerned with market dominance. We are suing United to stop its attempted acquisition of Change to ensure that New Yorkers benefit from competitive healthcare markets. I will continue to fight to ensure New Yorkers have access to affordable, quality healthcare."

According to the lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, United's proposed acquisition of Change would allow United to use its competitively sensitive data to co-opt rival insurers' innovations and preempt their competitive strategies, reducing their incentives to pursue those innovations and strategies in the first place. It would also allow United to use its control over Change's technologies to disadvantage other health insurers by raising their costs, degrading the quality of their services, and denying or delaying their access to innovations and quality improvements. Ultimately, this substantial lessening of competition would result in higher cost, lower quality, and less innovative commercial health insurance for employers, employees, and their families.

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The complaint alleges that United's acquisition of Change's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) clearinghouse would leave employers in New York with a difficult and unwelcome choice when choosing an insurer. Essentially, employers that choose a United rival would get lower quality EDI clearinghouse services and employers that choose United would likely pay higher prices with poorer quality than would have been in a competitive market.

Additionally, the complaint alleges that United's acquisition of Change's ClaimsXten product would essentially be a merger to monopoly. ClaimsXten is the leading provider of "first pass" claims editing in the country, with United's CES in second place. The acquisition of Change would create a claims editing behemoth with a market share of over 80% - an acquisition that is presumptively anticompetitive.

UnitedHealth Group is the fifth largest company by revenue in the Fortune 500. It includes United Healthcare (UHC, the health insurance subsidiary), and Optum (the information and technology-enabled services subsidiary). UHC is the largest commercial health insurer in New York. Optum is divided into three business lines: OptumRx, OptumHealth, and OptumInsight. OptumInsight provides healthcare data, analytics, research, consulting, technology, and managed services solutions. OptumHealth is one of the largest owners of provider groups in the country, with 53,000 physicians nationally. OptumHealth owns several large provider groups in New York, including ProHealth and CareMount.

Change Healthcare is a leading independent healthcare technology company. Change provides data and analytics-driven insights to both providers and insurers. It also runs the nation's largest EDI Clearinghouse. Clearinghouses are a vital part of the infrastructure underpinning every interaction between a doctor and patient - facilitating the transmission of claims to insurers and claim approvals or rejections back to providers. Change has built up a large database of claims data from these transactions, dating back to 2012. Change also owns ClaimsXten, the nation's leading claims editing software. Claims editing is another vital part of the healthcare infrastructure, driving savings to the system by ensuring accuracy and avoiding overpayments.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**ATTENTION:****PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2022-2023 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2022.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
By Order of the Board of Education.

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District Clerk

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Neversink Fire District Monthly Commissioner meeting for the month of April will be held on Thursday, April 28th 2022 at 7:30 pm.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:**

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the Year 2021 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk / RMO
February 28th, 2022

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**Fallsburg CSD
Board of Education**

March Meetings

**March 2, 2022
March 16, 2022**

Please Take Notice:**Covid-19 Home Test Kits**

are available at
Town of Denning Town Hall
1567 Denning Road Claryville, NY
Mondays through Thursdays
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
until they are gone.

Call (845) 985-2411 for more information.

Full Time Residents Only
Proof of Denning
residency required
ONE kit per household
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Signature required

Tuesday, March 1, 2022**Tri-Valley CSD Board
of Education**

anticipates

a proposed **Executive Session** for personnel,
Meeting opening 5:30 p.m.
anticipated Proposed Executive Session
5:30 p.m. – Room 50

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022,

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level,
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00
p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level,
Regular Meeting #17 resumes approximately 7:00
p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level

All Board Meetings will be broadcast on our
YouTube Live Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

Governor Hochul Announces Plan to End State Mask Requirement in Schools Starting March 2

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced plans to end the state mask requirement in schools starting on March 2, 2022. The Governor made this decision based on the analysis of several key COVID-19 data trends and after consulting with health and education experts, as well as parents, teachers and school administrators. The announcement also follows recent changes in metrics used by the CDC to determine risk and transmission levels in communities. Other mitigation measures should remain in place.

"With more New Yorkers getting vaccinated, and the steady decline over the past several weeks in cases and hospitalizations from Omicron, we are now entering a new phase of the pandemic. Because New Yorkers have stepped up, we can confidently remove the statewide mask requirement in our schools," Governor Hochul said. "This is a huge step forward for our kids and communities and I am grateful to the students, educators and parents for their dedication to keeping us all safe—we've reached this milestone because of your hard work."

New York has made significant progress in the fight against COVID-19. Among large states, New York has the highest rate of adults fully vaccinated for COVID-19, the highest rate of teenagers fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and the second-highest rate of children ages 5-11 fully vaccinated. New York State has experienced a 98 percent decline in COVID-19 cases since the Omicron peak, and a continuous downward trend in cases for 51 consecutive days.

The number of children testing positive for COVID is declining to levels not seen since before students returned from summer break; yesterday 229 cases were reported compared to a 7-day average of 832 cases at the beginning of the school year. Pediatric hospitalizations have declined by roughly 80 percent since the Omicron peak.

Ahead of Midwinter break, 4.8 million tests were sent to schools for children to take home. An additional 4.8 million tests will be sent this week for students to take home upon their return to school. In total, 20.8 million tests have been distributed to schools. Over the past six weeks, the State established 261 #VaxForKids sites, bringing the vaccine directly to New York families to help parents and guardians get their eligible children vaccinated and boosted.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Thanks to the hard work of New Yorkers, today we are able to lift the statewide mask requirement for schools. As Governor Hochul said, we will remain vigilant as New York moves forward, and our team at the Department of Health will continue to monitor the data and advance early warning monitoring systems like

wastewater surveillance. We continue to urge all New Yorkers to get vaccinated and get boosted, and we will work with our partners in education statewide to ensure our schools, teachers, and students have the support they need to keep our classrooms healthy and safe."

State Education Commissioner Dr. Betty A. Rosa said, "I thank the Governor for her leadership. Working together we look forward to keeping our schools safe for students and educators."

Statement from County Executive Pat Ryan on Masks in Schools

"Throughout the pandemic, we have prioritized the health and safety of our children. Thankfully, COVID-19 cases in Ulster County have declined 97% since the Omicron surge and the public health risk is significantly reduced. In line with New York State's decision to lift the mask requirement for children two years and up, and based on the CDC placing Ulster County in the "Low" COVID-19 Community Level, children in Ulster County two years old and over will no longer be required to wear masks indoors in school or childcare settings effective March 2."

Governor Hochul Signs Executive Order Directing State Agencies and Authorities to Divest Public Funds from Russia

To Read Executive Order 14 go to:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/Executive%20Order%20No.%2014.pdf>

Governor Kathy Hochul today directed all New York State agencies and authorities to review and divest public funds from Russia following Russia's unjustified and unprovoked attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. New York State is home to the largest Ukrainian population in the United States, remains engaged with the Biden administration and is prepared to support refugees of the crisis and welcome them to the state.

"Russia has chosen to attack democracy and we will stand with Ukraine as we condemn these atrocities," Governor Hochul said. "Our state will not permit its own investment activity, whether directly or indirectly, to aid Russia as it commits these human rights violations. New York is home to the largest population of Ukrainians in the United States - they are our family and an attack on them is an attack on us all. We will make our statements and values known and show solidarity with Ukraine as we rebuke this assault on democracy."

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Major Housing Project to Serve County's Vulnerable Families and Residents

• *County Executive Pat Ryan Announced that Ulster County will Acquire the Former Elizabeth Manor Boarding House and Renovate it to Provide Housing for as Many as 35 County Residents and Vulnerable Families*

• *As Part of its Housing Action Plan, Ulster County Will Build Nearly 300 Units of Emergency, Supportive, Senior and Affordable Housing to Serve Hundreds of the County's Most Vulnerable Over the Next Several Years*

• *Building on the Ulster County Housing Action Plan Recommendation to Increase the Supply of Supportive and Transitional Housing, County Executive Pat Ryan and the Ulster County Legislature Are Working to Solve the Need for Permanent Affordable Housing With Several Large-Scale Projects Over the Next Several Years*

• *Congressman Antonio Delgado, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, and Other Community Stakeholders Are Critical Partners in Tackling the Housing Crisis in Ulster County*

acquisition of the former Elizabeth Manor is part of the County's overarching housing strategy, which also includes the redevelopment of the site of the former Ulster County Jail at Golden Hill and the former Quality Inn on Route 28 in the Town of Ulster.

“Far too many families across our county are struggling to find safe and affordable housing, especially in the wake of the pandemic. Here in Ulster County, we are stepping up and taking action: buying and renovating the former Elizabeth Manor site to preserve one of the last remaining bastions of safety and support for our most vulnerable residents. This project will provide quality housing for dozens of our most vulnerable residents and ensure this site doesn't become another casualty of the wave of gentrification that is displacing so many of our residents,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “This project is part of a broader strategy to address the urgent need for permanent, affordable housing with several large-scale projects over the next few years. I want to thank Congressman Delgado for his leadership on this issue at the federal level, and extend my gratitude to Senator Hinchey and Mayor Noble for contributing to the funding of the purchase and renovation of the former Elizabeth Manor, as well as to our community stakeholders for their partnership.”

Ulster County is purchasing the former Elizabeth Manor using \$700,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The building's renovation is being funded with \$100,000 in State and Municipal Facilities Grant (SAM) funding through Senator Michelle Hinchey and \$500,000 in ARPA funding through the City of Kingston, and County bonds. The property will be developed to meet the needs of approximately 27-35 Ulster County residents. Operating costs for the family shelter will be met by New York State.

The County Executive's Office has met with members of the Kingston Interfaith Council and other community members on issues involving emergency housing, and this project reflects the needs identified in those meetings.

“My bill, the Direct Support for Communities Act, included in the American Rescue

Plan continues to deliver for our communities by funding meaningful projects that help folks get back on their feet and provide much-needed support,” Congressman Antonio Delgado said. “It is great to see progress on this project and the creation of emergency housing for Ulster County families. I want to thank my friend, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, for his leadership and for inviting me to be a part of this important announcement. I am proud that my legislation has made it possible for local governments and leaders on the ground to meet the unique challenges of each county, town, and village.”

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Left to Right Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Comptroller March Gallagher, Dean Tamburri of Laborers International Union Locals 17, Matt Ross of Carpenters Union 279, Congressman Antonio Delgado, Legislator Abe Uchitelle

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County is acquiring the former Elizabeth Manor boarding house at 21 Elizabeth Street in Kingston, and will add much-needed emergency housing capability for Ulster County's most vulnerable residents and families. Building on the Ulster County Housing Action Plan recommendation to increase the supply of supportive and transitional housing, the County Executive and Ulster County Legislature are working to solve the need for permanent, affordable housing with several large-scale projects over the next several years. The

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Major Housing Project to Serve County's Vulnerable Families and Residents

(From Pg. 20) Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "As we work toward long-term solutions to address the housing crisis in Ulster County, it is incumbent that families experiencing homelessness have access to holistic, community-centered support. I'm proud to deliver state funding as part of a collective effort to transform the vacant Elizabeth Manor building into service-forward transitional housing. Having this supportive housing located right in Midtown Kingston is a major step forward in keeping families rooted in their community and connected to local-level assistance, and I look forward to supporting the completion of this critical project. I thank Ulster County for its vision and leadership in working to solve the affordable housing crisis, and I will continue fighting for the large-scale state investments we need to bring more permanent housing into our communities."

"County Executive Pat Ryan and the Ulster County Legislature recognize that assuring adequate housing for every resident of Ulster County is essential for the security of those most in need. The upgrading of Elizabeth Manor, long an important part of that equation, now with direct county participation, will help make other parts of the support network more readily available. Working with the Executive, Mayor Steve Noble, Senator Michelle Hinchey and Congressman Antonio Delgado, we will continue to work toward that humane goal," said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess).

"Supporting emergency housing in the City of Kingston is an excellent opportunity to invest our American Rescue Plan funding at this critical juncture," Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said. "This is one important step in a number of actions the City of Kingston is taking to bolster affordable and workforce housing. Thank you to the County for their leadership in this endeavor, and we look forward to a great partnership in reinvigorating Elizabeth Manor with such a positive purpose. It's so important for children to be closer to their schools and to keep families together when in an emergency housing situation."

"Everyone in our county deserves to sleep safely and soundly, to have a place to store healthy food, to not worry about how where they sleep might be harming themselves or their family," Vice Chair of the Ulster County Legislature Eve Walter said. "This project is only one small part of a larger change that we must see in our county; but an important one."

"I'm excited that Ulster County is taking the remarkable step of purchasing the former Elizabeth Manor," said Rashida Tyler, Founder of The Real Kingston Tenants Union and Co-Founder of the Ulster County Coalition for Housing Justice. "It is a positive step toward stemming the tide of displacement of vulnerable children and families from Kingston. When the property was put up for sale there was a very real fear that yet another property that historically served the poor would be lost. To be clear, this investment in housing is not only morally right but economically sound. It will help counter the destabilizing impact of the housing and homelessness crisis in our community, which will benefit us all in the long term. Housing is a basic human right and the foundation of any community."

In March 2021, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan released the Ulster County Housing Action Plan. Through a partnership with the Ulster County Legislature, the plan called for an increase in the supply of supported and transitional housing.

In August 2021, County Executive Pat Ryan announced that

through a partnership with RUPCO, Family of Woodstock and Catholic Charities of Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange, the Quality Inn on Route 28 in the Town of Ulster, will be renovated to provide 81 apartments with kitchen and other amenities to help address the critical need to provide housing to those most vulnerable. In addition, wrap-around services including health and mental health care, career counseling and job training, childcare and support for finding permanent housing will be provided at the site.

In November 2020, County Executive Ryan announced that the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation (UCHDC), formed in August 2020, had released designs for a new neighborhood of mixed income, intergenerational and workforce housing on the site of the former County jail on top of Golden Hill. The concept plan calls for 80 units of senior housing and 80 units of workforce housing that are affordable at a range of 30 to 130 percent of area median income.

Governor Hochul Announces 400 Years of African-American History Commission

Appointments Governor Dedicates Plaques to Robert Mulliner and Robert Lewis, Victims of Lynchings in Orange County

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced appointments to the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, which serves to highlight contributions by Africans and African-Americans to our country and to New York State. The Governor made the announcement in Newburgh, where she also announced commemoration plaques to be dedicated in honor of Robert Mulliner and Robert Lewis, two victims of racially-motivated lynchings in Orange County. Robert Mulliner was killed in Newburgh in 1863, and Robert Lewis was killed in Port Jervis in 1892.

"For every reminder of the pivotal role New York has played in the fight for civil rights, there is another, more painful reminder of why that fight was necessary in the first place," Governor Hochul said. "We must recognize and acknowledge shameful chapters in our state's past, ensure New Yorkers have a better understanding of our history, and fight racism and bigotry in all forms. This Black History Month, I am honored to dedicate these plaques and appoint these seven leaders to the 400 Years of African-American History Commission. These actions will help us understand our history better, while pushing us to continue making progress."

Lieutenant Governor Benjamin said, "The leaders we appoint today to the 400 Years of African-American History Commission are some of the sharpest, most dedicated public servants this country has ever seen. They are the best people to help decide how New York can best recognize the history of racism in America-and to envision how to celebrate Black history as we march forward into a more inclusive future. I thank Governor Hochul for making these appointments a priority of her Administration."

Partnering with community-based organizations, the 400 Years of African-American History Commission will bring people together via events, activities, and educational research. The commission will be comprised of seven individuals appointed by the Governor, the Secretary of State or a designee on their behalf, the Commissioner of Education or a designee on their behalf, two members appointed by the temporary President of the Senate, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, and one member appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader.

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales

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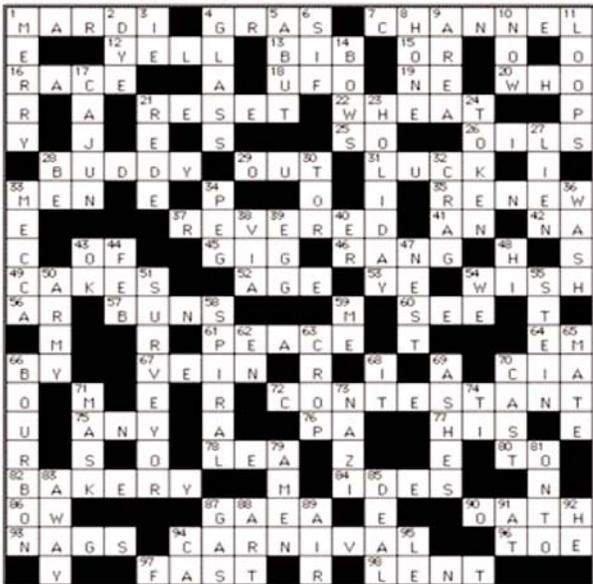
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Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The GUMC held their final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are **NOT ABLE** to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then. Please **DO NOT** drop off items at the church until we know there will be a future Thrift Sale. Thank you.

Daniel Pierce Library Celebrates Read Across America

Friday, March 4, 2022
10 am to 4:00 pm

Don't miss this fun-filled day and a chance to get kids motivated about **READING!**
Celebrate from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with special guest - **Cat in the Hat!**

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/1/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/2/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/8/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/9/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/12/22 Claryville Fire Department Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper 4 - 7 pm
- 3/15/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/17/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/20/22 Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Local Town Hall Websites:

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update February 28 - March 4, 2022

Monday, February 28

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 873 1682 9315, Passcode: 160162, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 880 5403 3282, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, March 1

- o 5:15 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 815 9106 9728, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts, & Agriculture Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 813 9503 0696, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, March 2

- o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 851 0833 2693, Passcode: 858398, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board People with Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Subcommittees, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 895 9512 6280, Passcode: 234715, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM - Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 844 7216 6878, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273 Pw: 834223, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, March 3

- o 5:15 PM - Law Enforcement, & Public Safety Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 840 3746 9544, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone Dial (929) 205-6099
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Energy, Environment, & Sustainability Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 843 2440 6481, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, March 4

- o No Meetings

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All those years, all those bargains, fun and food were **made possible by volunteers.** **Volunteers are special people** who want to give some time and effort back to the community. In the past volunteers found their little niche - whether it was sorting the new items that were brought in by donors, washing items so they were pristine when you bought them, placing the items in an orderly fashion on the racks, tables and shelves, or being there on a sale day helping those making purchases.

Unfortunately time has taken its toll on the number of volunteers that are needed to make the Thrift Sales happen. Some of the volunteers are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. How sad it would be not to have someone follow in their footsteps and step up and volunteer! **If you loved coming to the Thrift Sales, why not become one of the volunteers?**

You don't have to be a member of the Grahamsville UM Church to be a volunteer. Think about it. If everyone who came to the Thrift Sale in the past were to volunteer just a little of their time and a little effort, we could all still look forward to the **First Thrift Sale of the Season in April!**

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you **to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor** or mail it to: **Grahamsville UM Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740** **Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers**

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Please check what type of volunteer service you can offer to
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_____ Help sort donations

_____ Wash items when necessary

_____ Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale

_____ Help at the Thrift Sales

____ Other: If you have something else that you may offer to help, please let us know

THANK YOU!

For the First Time US Mint Releases Coins Honoring Purple Heart Heroes

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coins Will Support National Tribute Programs

(NEW YORK, NY) - In the week when our nation celebrates the birthday of America's first president, George Washington, a first-of-its-kind tribute to our Purple Heart heroes is being released by the United States Mint. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coins pay tribute to America's combat wounded and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, through a series of powerfully detailed coins. The U.S. Mint coin program will support the work of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission and ensure our heroes' sacrifices are never forgotten.

Available in three denominations, this historic tribute to service and sacrifice in the form of limited-edition legal tender coins tells the story of the Purple Heart and the sacrifice of military heroes throughout our history. The coins will go on sale on Thursday, February 24 at 12:00pm EST and will be offered at a special discounted introductory rate by the Mint.

Col. Russell O. Vernon (Ret.), the executive director of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission, shared the organization's excitement saying, "These coins are an historic tribute by a grateful nation to the courage displayed by the more than 1.8 million Americans awarded the Purple Heart and their families. Our Purple Heart recipients don't see themselves as heroes, but they are proof that the freedom we cherish comes at a cost."

Col. Vernon also praised the design work done by the U.S. Mint. "These coins are truly works of art. The designs created by the Mint's artists and sculptors include an array of elements that powerfully represent the history of the Purple Heart, and the cost of freedom," Vernon said. "This coin program will help the

National Purple Heart Honor Mission continue to tell and preserve the stories of valor of these great men and women to ensure they can be shared with future generations of Americans."

Coins will be available for purchase through the Mint's website with a special discounted introductory price for the first 30 days. Those looking to receive more information can also visit www.PurpleHeartCoins.org.

Full details on the elements of the gold coin's design can be found [HERE](#), elements for the silver coin's design can be found [HERE](#), and elements of the clad coin's design can be found [HERE](#).

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HONOR MISSION

The National Purple Heart Honor Mission is an approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports a variety of programs to promote the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, pay tribute to our Purple Heart recipients, and educate all Americans about our combat-wounded veterans to ensure those who sacrificed for freedom are never forgotten. Learn more and support their efforts at www.PurpleHeartMission.org.

Sullivan County Virtual Alzheimer's Community Forum

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Join us for a free Virtual Community Forum to help us learn about real-life experiences with Alzheimer's and dementia in our community, learn about our resources, and learn how to engage more people.

As a part of our community assessment we are looking to identify needs and service gaps within the community.

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Gillibrand Announces Bipartisan, Bicameral Made In America Manufacturing Communities Act in Westchester

Made In America Bill Would Utilize Current Federal Resources to Support Domestic Manufacturing, Create Jobs, and Strengthen Domestic Supply Chains

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand visited the Westchester Community College's new Gateway Center to announce her bipartisan, bicameral Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022. Based on Gillibrand's successful Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program, this new program incentivizes private-public partnerships by empowering the Secretary of Commerce to designate consortiums as "Manufacturing Communities," which would be eligible for federal financial and technical assistance designed to expand and support domestic manufacturing. Gillibrand's bill would help strengthen the U.S. manufacturing base, encourage domestic public-private partnerships, and help local businesses cut through bureaucratic red tape to address ongoing pandemic-related supply chain disruptions that continue plaguing local economies. She was joined in Westchester by County Executive George Latimer, Dr. Belinda S. Miles, President of Westchester Community College, and Charles McGinnis, Assistant Dean of Workforce Development at Westchester Community College.

"It's going to take hard work and smart federal investments to get supply chains back on track after two years of pandemic-related disruptions," said Senator Gillibrand. "That's why I'm introducing the Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022 - legislation that uses current federal resources to invest in public-private partnerships building the next generation of leaders in manufacturing. By taking a community-based approach, we can invest in innovative groups, schools, and businesses, just like Westchester Community College, and recruit American workers to help rebuild our national supply chain. New York is already a leader in this space, and this long-term investment will empower businesses to create good-paying manufacturing jobs that fit the needs of individual communities right at home in America."

"I applaud Senator Gillibrand for her role in establishing the Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act. Announcing this legislation in Westchester County allows our footprint to increase in an industry that's growing rapidly here. We have seen upwards of more than 1200 job gains over the past year and we've established the advanced manufacturing career training program to go hand-in-hand with our advanced manufacturing industry desk. Westchester County remains on the cutting edge of an industry that truly is the fabric of America," said County Executive George Latimer.

"Westchester Community College works closely with manufacturers and other employers in our region to ensure we train the workforce that drives our region's 21st Century economy," said Dr. Belinda S. Miles, President of Westchester Community College. "This initiative will enable us to further meet these needs providing career opportunities in manufacturing that provide upward mobility and financial security for thousands of our local residents from pre-apprenticeship through the associate degree and beyond.

Gillibrand's Made in America program is a successor to the experimental, Obama-era "Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership" (IMCP).

The Economic Development Administration operated the IMCP between 2014 and 2015 and successfully enrolled 24 locally-organized public-private consortiums. In addition to Commerce assistance, approved Made in America Manufacturing Communities in Gillibrand's new proposal would have access to technical assistance from other federal agencies, giving them a leg up in accessing a wide array of federal grants. Specifics on Made in America eligibility and investments:

- o Eligible consortiums include but are not limited to partnerships between commercial industry, state and local government organizations, and academic or workforce training organizations to convene community stakeholders and set the foundation for long-term investments in manufacturing communities.
- o Eligible consortiums can be designated as a Manufacturing Community for a 5-year period, after which they can apply for re-designation for two additional 2-year periods.
- o Approved Manufacturing Communities will receive assistance and investments in equipment or facility upgrades; workforce training, retraining, or recruitment and retention; business incubators; advanced research and commercialization; supply chain development; assistance for small business concerns; and strategic planning assistance for consortiums that lack experience applying for federal assistance.

In addition to Senator Gillibrand, the Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022 is supported by Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Susan Collins (R-ME), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Jerry Moran (R-KS). In the House of Representatives, the bill is supported by Congressmen David Cicilline (D-RI-1) and Peter Meijer (R-MI-3).

The bipartisan bill is endorsed by the American Small Manufacturers Coalition, National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Counties, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, National Tooling and Machining Association, North American Die Casting Association, Precision Machined Products Association, Precision Metalforming Association, and the National Skills Coalition.



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Saturday	1pm-3pm
	&
	7pm-9pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

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Blue Mountain Trout News



Welcome to the February 2022 edition of Blue Mountain Trout News. We're nearing the end of this winter, yet even as I write this an impending snow storm is headed this way with a projected snow fall of nearly 12 inches. Some more snow is welcome, though, as recent rains and warm temperatures have melted nearly all of the snowpack. While on a walk at The Ashokan Rail Trail this morning, we commented on the complete lack of mountaintop snow. The picture above reveals the state of The Esopus at the moment... High and off-color. I usually think of this as a Mid-March scene, but so be it. On-time, however, is the arrival of the winter or "little black" stoneflies. Check out this video of a small mating swarm on the new bridge just above Chimney Hole.

As we count down to the warm season and a return to good fly fishing, I wish you all the best cleaning your gear, tying up the last of your season's offerings from the vise, finishing that book, or just plain daydreaming of trout to come. You will find something out there on the water. Here's to hoping it's a wild trout! - Todd Spire

Fly Tying

Our fly tying seminars are off to a great start! With a little help from Hank Rope, we even had first-timers tying coachman patterns last weekend! There are still two weeks to join us. March 5 & March 12. It's open to all. Please come and tie even if you're not there to take the class. It's open to all. & If you're looking to learn, we have everything you need. Please just drop me a line if you plan to join. Please be sure to mask up and, if you can, please bring a shareable snack for all.



Monthly Meeting

The leadership of the APWC-TU has decided to cancel the February TU general meeting, due to a lack of speaker, a lack of agenda, and Covid considerations. We will resume our monthly general meetings on March 23, with BOD member Todd Spire presenting on the Esopus Creek fishery. We anticipate this meeting being held at 7PM, via Zoom. Look for the link in your e-mail.

- o Proof of vaccination required
- o Mandatory mask wearing
- o Option to cancel if covid contagion worsens beyond our control
- o APWC-TU will provide vises and materials - bring your own vise if you have one
- o Class is limited to eight students (all are invited to join us and tie)

March General Meeting @ 7pm

Todd Spire - The Mighty Esopus

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Join us this Wednesday, March 23rd at 7pm for an evening with Todd Spire of Esopus Creel. Learn a bit more about your favorite river in this presentation about the history, geology, and fantastic moments of angling on "The Mighty E!"

Regional Events Calendar

Fly Fest

Hosted by: Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum
Saturday, February 26, 9-3:00
Rockland House, Roscoe - NY
\$10 Admission | Kids are Free!

Fly Fest 2022 will feature fly tyers from near and far. You'll meet and tie alongside some of today's most innovative modern and traditional Catskill style fly tyers. Or, simply watch as they weave their magic of fur and feathers on steel.

International Fly Fishing Film Festival

Hosted by: Esopus Creel Saturday, April 23 - 7pm
Phoenicia Playhouse, Phoenicia NY
\$10 - Buy Now at:
<https://www.showclix.com/event/if42022phoenician>

IF4™ is the world's leading fly-fishing film event, consisting of films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe and showcases the passion, lifestyle, and culture of fly fishing. Created by fly anglers for fly anglers, it is the gathering place of the fly-fishing community and a celebration of friendship & fly-fishing stories.

Outdoor Expo – Hosted by: Catskill Center at <https://catskill-center.org/>

Saturday, June 11, 10-5:00
Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center, Mt. Tremper NY

The Catskill Center is excited to announce that the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo is coming back in 2022 and we invite you to save the date to be an exhibitor at this year's event.

Acid Rain January 2021

Measurable Storms: 6
Sleet & Snow (Inches): 13
Liquid Amount (Inches): 2.71
Weighted Average pH: 6.2

Treasurer's Report

Jody Hoyt reports as of the end of January the chapter had \$14,890.25, with \$13,602.67 in the General Operating Fund and \$937.68 in the Conservation Fund.

Attorney General James Delivers Over \$640,000 to New York Breast Cancer Organizations

Funds Derived from Fraudulent Charities and Fundraising Network Shut Down by AG's Office

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today delivered more than \$640,000 to five nonprofit organizations



that are leading the fight against breast cancer. The funds were recovered by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) from organizations and individuals who defrauded New Yorkers into making donations that went into the pockets of telemarketers. The OAG recovered the funds from the Breast Cancer Survivors Foundation, Inc. (BCSF), a sham organization, and Garrett Morgan, a telemarketer who misled donors into contributing to a sham breast cancer organization on Long Island. The \$644,054.79 in restitution was distributed to the American Cancer Society, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, West Islip Breast Cancer Coalition, Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition, and Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer.

"It is unconscionable that organizations and telemarketers preyed on the public's generosity and deprived breast cancer patients of vital support during a time of tremendous physical, mental, and emotional distress," said Attorney General James. "Today, I am honored to return these funds to the people and organizations that need them most. My office is proud to be a partner to these five incredible organizations and help them in supporting breast cancer patients and survivors throughout their journey."

In 2017, OAG announced an agreement with BCSF and its president and founder. The BCSF posed in phone and mail solicitations as a medical center for breast cancer patients, when in reality it was a shell organization funneling donations to an outside fundraiser, which pocketed 92 cents of every dollar donated to BCSF. The OAG's agreement required BCSF to shut down immediately and pay more than \$300,000 in restitution, the last of which was received by OAG in 2021. The OAG also obtained \$40,000 from BCSF's auditors, McEnerney, Brady & Company LLC and Edmund Brady.

In 2013, OAG won a judgment against Garrett Morgan for fraud in raising funds for the Coalition Against Breast Cancer, a sham Long Island organization. The organization raised millions of dollars with solicitations that claimed there

was a "mammography fund," when there was none, and that donations would provide free mammograms to uninsured women. Morgan did not pay the judgment and, acting on a motion by OAG, the court appointed a receiver to collect or sell Morgan's property to satisfy the judgment. In 2021, the receiver delivered \$303,747.86 to OAG.

The OAG's Charities Bureau selected five nonprofit organizations to receive the restitution funds, including:

The American Cancer Society (\$314,054.79): The American Cancer Society will use the award to support an initiative that increases breast cancer screening in high poverty areas, including screening among women who have never been screened before or who are not up to date with screening. The initiative focuses on uninsured and underinsured women by partnering with community health centers. With funds from OAG, the American Cancer Society will launch a new cohort of community health centers to participate in the mammogram initiative.

"The American Cancer Society is committed to expanding access to care for all and removing barriers that prevent cancer patients from getting the care and treatment they need," said Dr. Karen Knudsen, CEO, American Cancer Society. "The pandemic brought about dramatic declines in breast cancer screenings. We are grateful that funds from the New York Attorney General's Office will expand our lifesaving initiative to increase cancer screening rates and ultimately save lives."

Living Beyond Breast Cancer (\$225,000): Living Beyond Breast Cancer, a national nonprofit organization,



will use the award to support its Living Beyond Breast Cancer Fund, which provides one-time grants to help those on limited incomes manage the financial burden of breast cancer. Grants range from \$500 to \$1,000 and are for living expenses. Grants are paid directly to vendors or billers. Recipients of the one-time grants must be in active treatment for breast cancer or living with metastatic breast cancer, and have a household income under 400 percent of the U.S. federal poverty line.

"We are honored to have been selected by the New York Attorney General's Office," said Jean Sachs, CEO, Living Beyond Breast Cancer. "Living Beyond Breast Cancer was founded over 30 years ago to offer trusted information and a community of support for all people directly impacted by breast cancer. We annually serve over 600,000 people across the country. A critical program of ours is the Living Beyond Breast Cancer Fund, a financial assistance program that pays the bills for women in treatment for basic needs such as rent, utilities, and transportation. Since 2006, we have been able to disburse over 3,150 grants for an approximate total of \$2,530,000 to women and their families. (Contd. Pg. 31)\

Attorney General James Delivers Over \$640,000 to New York Breast Cancer Organizations

(From Pg. 30) Since the pandemic began, we have doubled the number of grants available to give to recipients as a way to alleviate financial hardship faced by so many across the country. The funds provided by the New York Attorney General's Office will allow us to continue this intensive support, and help women in treatment focus on their health and not on their bills."

"About 1 in 8 U.S. women (13 percent) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of a lifetime and when that happens a woman's life, and the lives of those who love her, are thrown into turmoil as she undergoes a horrific treatment ordeal," said Nick Radesca, volunteer & vice president of finance, Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition. "Because most people's lives have been impacted by this disease, many willingly donate to breast cancer charities. I want to thank the New York State Attorney General's Office for bringing unscrupulous individuals to justice and redistributing defrauded donors' funds to legitimate organizations. Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition, Inc. will use its share to provide free support services such as transportation to and from medical appointments, housecleaning, financial assistance, childcare, meal preparation, and other needed services."

Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer (\$40,000): Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer, Inc., will use the award to support its outreach program, which provides services to patients in the form of transportation, childcare, house cleaning, wigs, and non-financial support including advice and general emotional support of other former patients.

"The Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer congratulates the Office of the New York Attorney General's Charities Bureau for their efforts in pursuing the shutdown of the Coalition Against Breast Cancer and the Breast Cancer Survivor's Foundation, both fraudulent organizations," said Lynn Minutillo, member of board of directors, Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer. "The MWCABC is so very grateful to be designated as a recipient of funds secured in the settlements of these cases. The women with breast cancer with whom we engage will be better served financially, emotionally, and educationally. Be assured we will strive to be conscientious stewards of the funds entrusted to us."

The recovered funds distributed today are part of OAG's Operation Bottomfeeder, which is an initiative of the Charities Bureau to identify fraudulent charities and their fundraisers. This is done through an analysis of annual financial reports, fundraising contracts, and other documents that non-profit corporations file with the Charities Bureau, and has allowed OAG to take appropriate enforcement action against those engaging in fraud. In 2020, as a part of Operation Bottomfeeder, Attorney General James announced a multi-agency agreement imposing a nationwide, permanent, ban on Outreach Calling, a for-profit fundraiser, from charitable fundraising. To date, Operation Bottomfeeder has recovered approximately \$1.7 million from sham charities and their fundraisers and has redistributed that money to legitimate charities.

This matter was handled by Enforcement Section Co-Chief Yael Fuchs and Assistant Attorneys General Peggy Farber, William Wang, and Sharon Sash under the supervision of Charities Bureau Chief James Sheehan and Deputy Bureau Chief Karin Kunstler-Goldman. The Charities Bureau is a part

of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Governor Hochul Announces Formation of Joint Security Operations Center to Oversee Cybersecurity Across the State

• The New York JSOC Will Serve as a First-of-its-Kind Hub for Data Sharing and Cyber Coordination Across New York State, New York City, the Five Major Upstate Cities, Local and Regional Governments, Critical Infrastructure and Federal Partners

- Announcement Builds on Governor Hochul's Unprecedented \$61.9 Million Investment in the State's Cybersecurity Infrastructure as Part of FY23 Budget**
- Governor Proposes Historic New \$30 Million Program for Localities to Help Bolster Cyber Defenses Statewide**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the creation of a Joint Security Operations Center in Brooklyn that will serve as the nerve center for joint local, state and federal cyber efforts, including data collection, response efforts and information sharing. A partnership launched with New York City Mayor Eric Adams, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh, Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, and cyber leaders across the state, the JSOC is the nation's first-of-its-kind cyber command center that will provide a statewide view of the cyber-threat landscape and improve coordination on threat intelligence and incident response.

"There is a new type of emerging risk that threatens our daily lives, and just as we improved our physical security infrastructure in the aftermath of 9/11, we must now transform how we approach cybersecurity with that same rigor and seriousness," Governor Hochul said. "I'm proud to announce this dynamic and innovative partnership to establish the Joint Security Operations Center in collaboration with New York City, our upstate cities, and government and business leaders across the state. Cybersecurity has been a priority for my administration since Day 1, and this command center will strengthen our ability to protect New York's institutions, infrastructure, our citizens and public safety."

This innovative collaboration has been months in the making and is the result of Governor Hochul and her team's early vision and commitment to enhancing the State's cybersecurity posture. No other state has brought together cybersecurity teams in a shared command space at this scale including federal, state, city, and county governments, critical businesses and utilities, and state entities like Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Information Technology Services, New York State Police, MTA, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New York Power Authority, among others.

New York's leadership in finance, energy, transportation, healthcare, and other critical fields makes the State an attractive target for cyberattacks that can disrupt operations, including critical infrastructure and services to citizens. While government entities across the State have historically taken an independent approach to cyber defense and protecting the safety of their technology assets, acting alone is no longer optimal. As the frequency and sophistication of cyberattacks have grown, so too has the need for a "whole of government" approach. (Contd. Pg. 32)

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(From Pg. 31) The JSOC, headquartered in Brooklyn and staffed by both physical and virtual participants from across the state, will improve defenses by allowing cyber teams to have a centralized viewpoint of threat data. This will yield better collaboration on threat intelligence, reduction in response time, and quicker remediation in the event of a major cyber incident. It will help participating entities respond to potential issues and elevate systemic trends that may have otherwise gone undetected. This approach leverages all the cyber defense assets at the state, city, local and authority-level under one umbrella.

New York State will collaborate with city and regional leaders on cyber trainings and exercises as the JSOC becomes operational over the coming months. The Governor and her team will continue ongoing conversations with the White House and federal partners to ensure coordination.

This builds on Governor Hochul's historic proposal in this year's budget for investment in New York State's cyber protections, which includes \$61.9 million for cybersecurity, doubling the previous investment. These investments will fund critical protections, including the expansion of the state's cyber Red Team program to provide additional penetration testing, an expanded phishing exercise program, vulnerability scanning and additional cyber incident response services. These investments help ensure that if one part of the network is attacked, the State can isolate and protect the rest of the system.

As part of this proposal, the Governor is also proposing a \$30 million "shared services" program to help local governments and other regional partners acquire and deploy high quality cybersecurity services to bolster their cyber defenses. The interconnected nature of the state's networks and IT programs means that attacks can quickly spread across the state. Many government entities often do not have the funding or resources necessary to protect their systems, some which provide critical services like healthcare, law enforcement, emergency management, water treatment, and unemployment insurance, to name a few.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said, "New York City is a prime target for those who want to attack our cyber infrastructure to cause destruction. While New York City Cyber Command is already a national model for impeding these threats, it's time our cybersecurity moved to the next level. We know that when it comes to cyberattacks, the difference between a minor disruption and a catastrophe can be a matter of minutes. That is why the new Joint Security Operations Center will take an integrated and holistic approach to hardening our cyber defenses across the state. I thank Governor Hochul and our fellow mayors for their partnership, and look forward to working with them to confront this common threat."

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly said, "In today's globally interconnected world, everyone plays a role in protecting Americans against the threat of cyberattacks. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) applauds the creation of the NY JSOC and, as always, stands ready to partner with our state and local counterparts in keeping New York's critical infrastructure safe and secure. Proactive cybersecurity incident response and recovery planning will help mitigate risk and ensure a unified response when an incident happens. Collaboration is at the heart of CISA's mission, and we look forward to supporting this effort as it becomes operational."

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "Thanks to Governor Hochul's leadership and vision, we are bringing an integrated, statewide approach to cybersecurity with our government partners. The JSOC will become the nerve center for collecting intelligence on potential threats, keeping an eye out for intruders and breaches, and responding to cybersecurity threats and incidents."

New York State Office of Information Technology Services Chief Information Officer Angelo "Tony" Riddick said, "Governor Hochul's commitment to safeguard our state's infrastructure and the personal information of all New Yorkers has been a priority since her first day in office. The new normal of constant cyber risks threaten every level of government, so we must take innovative steps and work together. Creation of a JSOC will better protect our information and ensure we remain even more vigilant against cybercrime while keeping New Yorkers safe."

New York State Police Superintendent Kevin Bruen said, "Collaboration and information sharing are crucially important when it comes to providing security and assessing threats. We appreciate the efforts by Governor Hochul to form this innovative partnership, which will help strengthen cybersecurity efforts and improve incidents." (Contd. Pg. 33)

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(From Pg. 32)

Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton said, "The safety and security of the Port Authority's transportation facilities remain the highest priority of the Port Authority - including a relentless focus on cybersecurity. We applaud Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams and leaders from across the state for creating the JSOC that will enhance the ability of government agencies to identify, resource and implement best practices TO combat cyber threats as they continue to evolve."

Interim President and CEO of New York Power Authority Justin E. Driscoll said, "As the nation's largest public state utility, cybersecurity is of utmost importance to NYPA. We are thankful to our city and state partners for their collaboration in creating the JSOC. This center will help NYPA keep our systems safe and enable us to continue to generate clean electricity and maintain one-third of the state's transmission system without incident or interruption, all while providing a whole-of-state approach to protecting New York State from emerging threats."

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, "Cross-agency collaboration is key to providing the best cyber defenses. We are eager to share information and expertise about the MTA's multilayered cybersecurity systems as we work to protect the state against potential threats."

Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan said, "Every day, the City of Albany - like organizations across the nation - defends itself against cyber attacks originating from across the globe. As the victim of a successful ransomware attack in 2019, the City of Albany knows full well the impact this cybersecurity threat can have on the systems that serve our residents and protect our infrastructure. Thankfully, New York State was there for us when it mattered most, and now we will proactively partner within the Joint Security Operations Center to help identify and respond to cybersecurity threats not only to our city, but other local and state agencies across New York. Thank you to Governor Hochul, Commissioner Bray, and Chief Information Officer Riddick for making this investment and deepening the vital partnerships that will help protect our entire state."

Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown said, "Cyber attacks are an emerging threat that state and local governments must take swift action to protect against, and I am thankful Governor Hochul has the vision to apply a statewide, all-hands-on-deck approach to ensure our safety. I am pleased that Buffalo is part of the launch of this first-of-its-kind Joint Security Operations Center that will position us to be better prepared to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from cyberattacks."

Rochester Mayor Malik Evans said, "We look forward to working with the state and our other municipal partners to address the critical issue of cybersecurity. We appreciate the Governor's investment to protect our data. Any attacks on our technical infrastructure systems is actually an attack on the citizens we serve, so bolstering our defenses is a wholly worthwhile endeavor."

Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh said, "Cybersecurity is a challenge facing every public and private sector organization every day. Cities are dealing with very similar vulnerabilities, threats and risks. Through the JSOC we will be better able to share intelligence and solutions and better protect our critical assets and the people we serve. I thank Governor Hochul for not just providing resources to our communities but for creating a command center so the state can share more data, information and expertise to confront this always-changing risk. We are always stronger working together."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, "The recent wave of cyber security attacks serves as a wake-up call for cities across our country. I thank Governor Hochul for her proactive approach in giving Mayors, who are the generals on the frontlines, a seat at the table to work one on one with some of the most brilliant cyber defense minds in the country as we amplify our cyber security."

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Governor Hochul Announces Winners of 'Take Your Shot for an Outdoor Adventure' COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Sweepstakes 436 New Yorkers Entered Drawing After Receiving First COVID-19 Vaccine Dose in December 2021

*Grand Prizes Include Lifetime Freshwater
Fishing and Hunting Licenses and Deluxe
Equipment Packages*

*All Entrants Receive Tree Seedling, Gift Card,
and One-Year Subscription to
'Conservationist' Magazine*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the winners of the 'Take Your Shot for an Outdoor Adventure' sweepstakes. Launched late last year, the COVID-19 vaccine incentive sweepstakes helped bolster vaccination rates among New Yorkers who enjoy the great outdoors with prize packages tailored to anglers, hunters, and other outdoor enthusiasts. A total of 436 New Yorkers participated in the sweepstakes.

"New Yorkers who have gotten vaccinated to protect themselves and others during the COVID-19 pandemic should be very proud of our progress," Governor Hochul said. "Adding hundreds of people to our already impressive percentage of vaccinated individuals is a win for the entire state and these fantastic prizes to the lucky winners is an added bonus. The vaccine is our best weapon to fight this pandemic, and the more New Yorkers who get vaccinated, the faster we can continue our path to recovery."

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Governor Kathy Hochul is laser-focused on addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and protecting the health of our communities. DEC was proud to do our part to encourage people to get vaccinated with our 'Take Your Shot for an Outdoor Adventure' sweepstakes, designed specifically to appeal to everyone who loves the outdoors. With more vaccinated adventurers, we look forward to seeing more visitors returning to New York's natural resources year after year."

Grand prize winners of the deluxe packages chose from packages valued at approximately \$2,000. Grand prize winners are:

- o Laura M. of Genesee County selected the Freshwater Fishing Prize Package, which includes a lifetime freshwater fishing license, fishing kayak, vest, rod and reel;
- o Robert T. of Chemung County chose the Bowhunter Prize Package, including a lifetime hunting and bowhunting license, high-quality crossbow package or compound bow package with _dozen bolts or arrows, ladder tree stand, safety harness/fall arrest system, and 10x42 binoculars;
- o Ryan W. of Onondaga County selected the Turkey Hunter Prize Package, which includes a lifetime sportsman license, high-quality ground blind, turkey hunting vest, hen decoy pair, shotgun

optical sight, slate call, and 10x42 binoculars; and
o Graydon B. of Ontario County, and Paul T. of Dutchess County, both selected the Rifle Hunter Prize Package. Each will receive a lifetime sportsman license, high-quality rifle scope, ladder tree stand, safety harness/fall arrest system, and 10x42 binoculars.

Twenty-five entrants will receive their choice of Second Tier prizes valued at approximately \$1,000, including:

- o Fishing: Annual freshwater fishing license, fishing kayak, vest, rod and reel;
- o Bowhunter: Annual hunter and bowhunting license, high-quality crossbow OR compound bow package with 1/2 dozen bolts or arrows, a ladder tree stand, a safety harness/fall arrest system, and 8x42 binoculars;
- o Riflehunter: Annual hunting license, high-quality rifle scope, a ladder tree stand, a safety harness/fall arrest system, and 8x42 binoculars;
- o Turkey hunter: Annual hunting license and turkey permit, high quality ground blind, turkey hunting vest, hen decoy, slate call, and 8x42 binoculars; and
- o Birder: 8x42 binoculars, birdfeeder, bird seed and I Bird NY materials.

All entrants will receive a tree seedling from DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Tree Nursery in Saratoga and their choice of either a \$25 gift card for a free night of camping at a DEC campground or a \$25 gift card to a major sporting goods retailer. In addition, entrants will receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine, which is currently celebrating its 75th year in publication.

Prior to fulfillment of a hunting license and any associated privilege (e.g., bowhunting privilege), the recipient must complete a hunter education course and bowhunter education course (in the case of the bowhunter prize package) and present the certificate(s) of completion. All eligible, vaccinated entrants must adhere to applicable requirements to receive a hunting or freshwater fishing license in New York State, including completion of required hunter education courses and other rules. For more information about hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, visit

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6094.html> and
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html>.

Vaccine Availability

All individuals five years of age and older who reside in the United States are eligible to receive the vaccine. New Yorkers should continue to wear a mask where appropriate and follow all other health guidelines. FDA fact sheets for recipients and caregivers on each vaccine are available: Pfizer-BioNTech/Cominarty; Moderna; Johnson & Johnson.

COVID vaccines are widely available at pharmacies, local health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and other locations across the state. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find appointments near you or contact your local pharmacy or provider.

To schedule an appointment directly at a New York State-run site, go to New York State's vaccine scheduler and follow the instructions. Walk-in appointments are also accepted at New York State mass vaccination sites for all eligible individuals.

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WCAA Announces New Exhibition

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce “ARCHIVE: Stories from Storage” for their first exhibition of 2022. The exhibit opens on March 4th and runs through April 2nd at the WCAA Main Street Gallery located at 959 Main Street (upstairs from Missing Pieces) in Honesdale, PA. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

An artist's reception will be held on Friday, March 4th from 6:00 to 8:00. Masks are required in the gallery. WCAA has encouraged the arts community to submit work that was created in the past and rediscovered, reimagined or has gained importance over the years. This exhibition was made possible by the generous donation by Native Food and Drink located at 560 Main Street, Honesdale, PA open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday. www.nativehonesdale.com.

Artists included in the exhibition are: Bozena Janiszewski, Barbara carpenito, Carol Cannon-Nesco, Nancy Wells, Joan Polishook, Sue Stephan Foster, Trevor Taylor, Phyllis Chekenian, Julian Sparacino, Mary Jasch, Robert Kafes, Elizabeth Castellano, DC Anderson, Jane Biron, Norma Bernstock, Paul Plumadore, Debby Pollak, Jay Hostetler.

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UC NOW TRENDING

March 2022

March 1 Cross-Country Ski to Echo Rock: Scenic views of Palmaghatt Ravine and beyond. Moderately challenging. Follows Lake Minnewaska, Millbrook and Hamilton Point Carriage Roads. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center, Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Hutton Brickyards Presents PUB NIGHT: Kingston's coziest Tuesday night hangout. Join us in The Winter Pavilion for cocktails, bonfires, board games and light bites. 5-9 p.m. 200 North St., Kingston. 845-213-4742; huttonbrickyards.com

March 1-31 Women's History Month Kingston: A series of events in celebration of women's history month in Kingston through a diversity of perspectives. See Facebook page for event details. Kingston. Facebook: Women's History Month Kingston

March 5 Awosting Falls and Mossy Glen Footpath Hike: Four-mile roundtrip. Hike on the Awosting Falls Carriage Road, Mossy Glen Footpath and Upper Awosting Carriage Road. Peter's Kill Area, 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 5 Drop-in Maple Sugaring Basics: Learn about maple sugaring from identifying the trees, using traditional tools to tap a tree and collect sap and processing the sap. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 5, 12, 20, 26 Maple Family Weekend Activities at Seed Song Farm: Learn maple sugaring, collect sap and gather 'round the sap boiler. Enjoy pancakes with our own maple syrup (additional fee). Live music. 160 Esopus Ave, Kingston. 845-383-1528; seedsongfarm.org

March 5, 12, 19, 26 Drop-In Snowshoe Lessons for Beginners: Learn how to properly wear and adjust the snowshoe. Snowshoes available to rent. 11 a.m. Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 5, 12, 19, 26 BornWild Adventures-"The Secret Ruin Hike:" Traverse a moderate incline up the trail to the skeletal ruins of the Overlook Mountain Hotel. Overlook Mountain Trailhead, 353 Meads Mountain Rd, Woodstock. 765-314 618; bornwild.rock

6 Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: Thanks to the success of the Tony-winning musical Jersey Boys, such classic songs as "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Walk Like a Man" are popular all over again. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

March 6 Tim Ries's Universal Spirits Ensemble: Saxophonist and composer, Tim Ries (Rolling Stones) assembles a group of singers, dancers and musicians from around the world. 7 p.m. The Falcon Main Stage, 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 845 236 7970; liveatthefalcon.com

March 11 Nature Walk at the Gardiner Library: 9-10:30 a.m. One-mile leisurely walk on the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. Enjoy natural curiosities, from birds to trees and more. Pre-registration required, 133 Farmers Turnpike, Gardiner. 845-255-1255; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 11 MarLoop Around the Lake at Sam's Point: Three-mile loop on snowshoes to view magnificent Lake Maratanza. Upon return, stop at Sam's Point Overlook. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 12 Winter Tree Identification Hike: Two-mile, winter tree identification hike. Hike to Compass Rock, a cliff edge

promontory, with beautiful views of the Catskill Mountains. Peter's Kill Area, 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 12 "Tinder Live! with Lane Moore:" Critically-acclaimed, totally improvised comedy where Moore swipes through the best of the worst Tinder profiles live on stage. 8 p.m. The Colony, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com

March 12-13 Intro Woodworking: Join sculptor, woodworker and instructor Michael Puryear for this hands-on build of a functional woodworking workbench. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org/adult-classes

March 12, 19, 26 Spring Family Craft Workshops: Focus will be on learning a craft inspired by the Esopus Munsee Indigenous people. Noon-2 p.m. Purchase tickets online. Children ages 7-12. Historic Huguenot Street, 92 Huguenot St, New Paltz. 845- 255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

March 13 35th Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade: Parade kicks off from Kingston Plaza and proceeds down Broadway to the Rondout waterfront district. 34th Annual Shamrock Run: 12:50 p.m. Parade at 1 p.m. 845-338-6622; events@ulsteraoh.com; ulsteraoh.com

March 16 ONLINE EVENT - Lecture: Claire Bellerjeau discusses her book "Espionage & Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend & Elizabeth." Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org/lecture-series

March 16 Irish Tenors: Declan Kelly, Anthony Kearns and Ronan Tynan have been the acknowledged Celtic music kings since they burst upon the scene during a 1998 PBS special. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

March 19 Hike to Indian Rock: Hike past Sam's Point Overlook, then around Lake Maratanza. Beautiful views of the Catskills. Terrain: woods, and a rocky footpath. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 19 Bowie 75th Birthday Bash at The Colony: Robert Burke Warren will perform, adding a set of electric material to the intimate acoustic evening. Features songs from Bowie's entire career. 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 945-679-7624; colonywoodstock.com

March 19-20; 26-27 Maple Weekends: There are maple producers who will be open for visits. Check our website: ulstercountyalive.com/landing/farms

March 19, 26 Kingston Outdoor Farmers Market: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Entrance on John St. and Wall St. County Courthouse parking lot, Kingston.

info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org;
kingstonfarmersmarket.org

March 20 Hike-Lake Minnewaska/Beacon Hill Carriage Road: Three-mile hike around Lake Minnewaska Carriage Road, Beacon Hill Footpath and Beacon Hill Carriage Road. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center, Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov

March 20 35th Annual Walkkill St Patrick's Day Parade: 2-4 p.m. Line up at 1 p.m.; kick-off at 2 p.m. from John G Borden Middle School, 109 Bona Ventura Ave, Walkkill. Facebook: 35th Annual Walkkill St Patrick's Day Parade

March 22 High Peter's Kill Loop Hike at Minnewaska: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Explore the High Peter's Kill Footpath on this approximately five-mile hike. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center. Pre-registration required. Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks (Contd. Pg 40)

UC NOW TRENDING...

March 2022

March 25 Darlene Love at Bearsville Theater: Darlene Love continues to captivate audiences worldwide. Billboard hits include "He's a Rebel" and the #1 holiday classic "Christmas Baby Please Come Home." 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845.684.7133; bearsvilletheater.com

March 25-27 "WE GOT THE BEAT:" Women in Music Summit: Award-winning performers, DJs, photographers, filmmakers, journalists and music lovers. Concerts, panels and screenings. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St., Woodstock. 845.684.7133; bearsvilletheater.com

March 26 Animal Tracks & Signs for Kids: Three-mile hike on Loop Road. We will look for animal tracks and other signs such as scat and browse. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 26 Spring Wake Up Hike: 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Explore Castle Point Carriage Road. Search for signs of the arrival of spring. In Shawangunk Mountains. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center, Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks

March 26-27 The Ashokan Center Maple Fest 2022: Guided hikes to the sugar shack. Self-guided nature walk. Cozy outdoor campfires, live music and blacksmithing demos. Includes pancake brunch. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 477 Beaverkill Rd., Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org

March 30 Celebrating Women's History Month at The Rosendale Theatre: Work-in-progress "After the Vote" with director Dawn Scibilia. Explores the stories of NY suffragists after they got the vote in 1917. 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

Jan. 1-Dec. 31 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge: Experienced hikers are encouraged to visit the region's six fire towers. Hike to all six Catskill Fire Towers between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Fill out the log of completed hikes along with one favorite photo. Download the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge log (PDF) and email it to catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov or mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Limit one entry per person. Participants will receive a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great outdoor prizes including hiking accessories. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:" A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Congresswoman Tenney, Bipartisan Group of Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Sanction Members of the Russian Duma

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today joined a bipartisan group of her colleagues in introducing legislation to impose sanctions on members of the Russian Duma (legislature) who voted in favor of Russia's illegal recognition of the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as independent states.

On Monday, in an act of political theater, Vladimir Putin, on the advice of oligarchs and government cronies, announced his intent to illegally recognize the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk and Luhansk as independent states. This action represents a blatant violation of international law, the Minsk Accords, and most importantly, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ukraine's very existence is under an existential threat, and the United States, as well as our allies and partners from across the world, must stand up to the Kremlin's malfeasance.

"This legislation sends a clear signal to the Russian government that any individual who supports Vladimir Putin's ambitions to further occupy the sovereign territory of Ukraine will face consequences and be the target of a robust US sanctions response. Doing so will ensure coordination with our European allies, who announced similar sanctions earlier this week. The United States stands for territorial sovereignty and strong borders. I am honored to join a bipartisan group to take meaningful action against Russia's unprecedented and unprovoked aggression," said Tenney.

Specifically, this legislation would authorize the President to impose sanctions on members of the Russian Duma who voted in favor of Russia's illegal recognition of the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as independent states.

The full text of the legislation is available at:

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo/subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/KEATIN_147_xml.pdf

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Gillibrand Leads Colleagues in Announcing Bipartisan, Bicameral Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act

Made In America Bill Would Utilize Current Federal Resources to Support Domestic Manufacturing, Create Jobs, and Strengthen Domestic Supply Chains

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman David N. Cicilline are leading their colleagues in announcing the reintroduction of the bipartisan, bicameral Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022. Based on Gillibrand's successful Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program, this new program incentivizes private-public partnerships by empowering the Secretary of Commerce to designate consortiums as "Manufacturing Communities," which would be eligible for federal financial and technical assistance designed to expand and support domestic manufacturing. The legislation would help strengthen the U.S. manufacturing base, encourage domestic public-private partnerships, and help local businesses cut through bureaucratic red tape to address ongoing pandemic-related supply chain disruptions that continue plaguing local economies. The Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022 is cosponsored by Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Susan Collins (R-ME), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Jerry Moran (R-KS) in the Senate and by Representatives Peter Meijer (R-MI-3), Claudia Tenney (R-NY-22), and Joseph Morelle (D-NY-25) in the House of Representatives.

"It's going to take hard work and smart federal investments to get supply chains back on track after two years of pandemic-related disruptions," said Senator Gillibrand. "That's why I'm introducing the Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022 - legislation that uses current federal resources to invest in public-private partnerships building the next generation of leaders in manufacturing. By taking a community-based approach, we can invest in innovative groups, schools, and businesses and recruit American workers to help rebuild our national supply chain. This long-term investment will empower businesses to create good-paying manufacturing jobs that fit the needs of individual communities right at home in America."

"Kansas manufacturers play a crucial role in our state's success," said Senator Moran. "Manufacturing drives innovation, provides good-paying jobs and yields quality products that are in demand at home and around the world. Public-private partnerships are important for the ability to compete on a national and global scale and this legislation would allow Kansas communities to grow their manufacturing capabilities and foster steady careers for future generations of Kansans."

"West Virginia is home to dozens of communities that are defined by the manufacturing industry," said Senator Capito. "This legislation follows through on our previous efforts to support employers and workers in the manufacturing sector by investing in the partnerships and companies that lead to growth, expansion, and job creation right here in our state."

"A strong manufacturing industry is key to our economy,"

said Senator Klobuchar. "This bipartisan legislation boosts domestic manufacturing and increases job training opportunities, which will help strengthen our supply chains. I'll keep fighting for American manufacturing to ensure that we retain our competitive economic edge."

"Increasing the number of good-paying manufacturing jobs is not only essential to growing our economy, but it can also strengthen our national security and help alleviate supply chain disruptions as well," said Senator Collins. "By increasing the availability of financial and technical assistance and leveraging public-private partnerships, our bipartisan bill would help manufacturing businesses launch, expand, and thrive."

"Manufacturing is written into Rhode Island's DNA. Good-paying manufacturing jobs helped build our middle class, and after too many years of seeing these jobs sent overseas, we are reclaiming our identity as a leading center of American manufacturing and innovation," said Congressman Cicilline. "The Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act, through these new federal funding opportunities, will grow manufacturing jobs, strengthen our local economy, and bring together leaders in business, government, non-profit, and education to develop new strategies for moving our state forward."

"Michigan has a rich history of manufacturing, but unfortunately, our manufacturing industries have seen their share of challenges, and the pandemic and supply chain disruptions have only exacerbated these problems. The Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act will provide critical investments to bolster our domestic manufacturing, ensuring that critical manufacturing industries have the resources and workforce to succeed right here in the US. I am proud to help lead this bipartisan effort that will help revitalize our manufacturing both in West Michigan and across the country," said Congressman Meijer.

The Made in America program is a successor to Obama-era government-wide initiative "Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership" (IMCP). The Economic Development Administration operated the IMCP in 2014 and 2015 and successfully enrolled 24 locally-organized public-private consortiums. In addition to Commerce assistance, approved Made in America Manufacturing Communities in the new proposal would have access to technical assistance from other federal agencies, giving them a leg up in accessing a wide array of federal grants. Specifically, the legislation provides that:

- o Eligible consortiums include but are not limited to partnerships between commercial industry, state and local government organizations, and academic or nonprofit organizations to convene community stakeholders and set the foundation for long-term investments in manufacturing communities.
- o Eligible consortiums can be designated as a Manufacturing Community for a 5-year period, after which they can apply for re-designation for two additional 2-year periods.
- o Approved Manufacturing Communities will receive assistance and investments in equipment or facility upgrades; workforce training, retraining, or recruitment and retention; business incubators; advanced research and commercialization; supply chain development; and assistance for small business concerns.

The bipartisan bill is endorsed by the American Small Manufacturers Coalition, National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Counties, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, National Tooling and Machining Association, North American Die Casting Association, Precision Machined Products Association, Precision Metalforming Association, and the National Skills Coalition.

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Weekly Recap

I hope you are all safe and healthy. I wanted to start off this newsletter by acknowledging the heartbreaking situation in Ukraine. Russia's invasion of Ukraine constitutes a grave violation of international law and is an affront to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. My prayers are with the people of Ukraine. We must hold Putin and the corrupt oligarchs around him accountable. [Click here to read my full statement.](#)

I spent this week at home in the district. It was great to get out, speak with folks, and partake in some local events. Read on for a recap of how I've been serving you this week.

Visiting Local manufacturers

I started off this week by touring IOXUS, a manufacturing company in Oneonta that specializes in ultracapacitor technology. I spoke with Founder and Senior Vice President of Sales and Operations Chad Hall and we were joined by Vice President of Engineering and Quality Luke Yetto, Vice President of Finance and HR Aimee Vogel, and Director of Manufacturing Mike Campbell. Mr. Hall also participated as a panelist at my American manufacturing roundtable at SUNY Oneonta later in the day.

American Manufacturing Roundtable

Later that day, I held a roundtable discussion on American manufacturing at SUNY Oneonta. We brought together local manufacturers, local labor, economic development leaders, and education professionals to discuss the importance of growing the domestic semiconductor industry, building an advanced manufacturing workforce, and the recently House-passed America COMPETES Act.

In order to set our future generations up for success, we must invest in American manufacturing, American jobs, and American goods. It was my pleasure to speak with the array of panelists and hear different perspectives on this issue from people who bring a wealth of information and knowledge to the table when it comes to growing American manufacturing in the advanced technology space.

Announcing Emergency Housing Project

Later in the week, I joined Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan along with New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, Mayor Steve Noble, community leaders, and local labor to help announce funding for emergency housing. The source of the funding is my Direct Support for Communities Act, which passed as part of the American Rescue Plan. My bill established a first of its kind funding formula for getting federal dollars to every county, city, town, and village in the country - regardless of population size.

Under the Direct Support for Communities Act, Ulster County is receiving nearly \$34.5 million, and Kingston is receiving \$17 million to support local pandemic response and economic development projects. Ulster County and the city of Kingston are each using a portion of their federal funding allotment to advance the housing initiative (\$700,000 and \$500,000 respectively). Building on the Ulster County Housing Action Plan recommendation to increase the supply of supportive and transitional housing, the former Elizabeth Manor will be developed into 35 units to meet the needs of approximately 10 families. This project will add much needed emergency housing capability for families in Ulster County.

Coast Guard Ice-Breaking Mission on the Hudson River

I also had the opportunity to join Captain Zeita Merchant, Lieutenant Commander Swaim and the U.S. Coast Guard for an ice-breaking mission on the upper Hudson River. From December through March, the Coast Guard conducts ice-breaking operations on the Hudson River and other waterways in the Northeast. They

ram through ice up to 30 inches thick, making multiple passes through the ice fields, in order to break the frozen river into small chunks. This allows barges to navigate the frigid river and deliver vital home heating supplies to upstate New York families.

Legislative Update

This week, I helped introduce two pieces of legislation.

I joined my colleagues in reintroducing the Gateway to Careers Act. This legislation would create a career pathway grant program, funding partnerships between community or technical colleges and workforce development partners such as state workforce development boards, industry associations, and community-based organizations. Grants would support services including child care, opioid addiction, transportation, and other supports for community college and career and technical education (CTE) students. Rep. Adams and I first introduced this legislation in the 116th Congress.

I also joined Reps. Katko (NY-24), Trone (MD-6), and Johnson (SD-AL) to introduce a bipartisan bill to support and incentivize retired health care workers and first responders to return to work, participate in pandemic response efforts, and help alleviate workforce shortages in local hospitals. The Health Care Worker and Social Security Beneficiary Choice Act ensures retired health care professionals will not lose Social Security benefits if they return to work and assist in the pandemic response.

Resources for Residents

Mobile Office Hours - Monday February 28th

This week, I announced that my team will be hosting more mobile office hours on Monday, February 28th, 2022. Mobile office hours are an opportunity for constituents to meet with the Congressman's staff and receive assistance and support resolving issues involving the IRS, Social Security, VA, and other federal agencies, as well as helping to identify federal grant opportunities, and more. These are the last sessions in February, but my team will be out in our community helping folks throughout March as well.

Monday, February 28th - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Windham Public Library

5379 Main Street, Windham, NY

Monday, February 28th - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Schoharie Library

103 Knower Ave, Schoharie, NY 12157

USDA Commits \$215 Million to Enhance the American Food Supply Chain

This week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced up to \$215 million in grants and other support will be made available to expand meat and poultry processing options, strengthen the food supply chain, and create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas. This funding opportunity is one of many actions that USDA is taking to expand processing capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing to make agricultural markets more accessible, fair, competitive, and resilient for American farmers and ranchers.

Deadline Extension - Dairy Margin Coverage

The USDA has extended the deadline to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2022. The deadline to apply for 2022 coverage is now March 25, 2022. As part of the ongoing efforts to support dairy farmers and rural communities, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened DMC and SDMC signup in December 2021 to help producers manage economic risk brought on by milk price and feed cost disparities.

To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

IRS Child Tax Credit Letters

Did you receive advanced Child Tax Credit payments in 2021? If so, look out for a letter from the IRS.

The IRS started issuing information letters to advance child tax credit recipients in December. Recipients of the third round of the Economic Impact Payments will begin receiving information letters at the end of January. Using the information in these letters when preparing a tax return can reduce errors and delays in processing.

Governor Hochul Announces “Fast NY” Grant Program to Attract Industries to Shovel-Ready Sites

- *FY23 Budget Will Make Up To \$200 Million Available for Growing High-Tech Industries Across the State*
- *New FAST NY Online Portal Launched to Solicit Interest and Provide Program Updates*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced plans for the new Focused Attraction of Shovel-Ready Tracts New York grant program to attract and expand key growth industries to New York State. The Governor announced the program at the New York State Economic Development Council Conference in Albany.

Through Empire State Development, Governor Hochul's fiscal year 2023 budget will make up to \$200 million available to the new FAST NY grant program to develop sites that will attract high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and logistics businesses to the state to jumpstart New York's shovel-readiness and increase the state's attractiveness to large employers.

"My administration is laser-focused on leading a recovery that works for the entire state, investing in every community and creating good-paying jobs of the future," Governor Hochul said. "To be the most business-friendly and worker-friendly state in the nation, we're making historic investments in infrastructure, technology, and project delivery. The hundreds of millions of dollars invested into the development of shovel-ready sites will help us diversify our economy and jumpstart New York's next great comeback."

Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President and CEO-designate Hope Knight said, "Currently, with the federal government poised to invest billions of dollars under initiatives such as the proposed CHIPS Act and the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the time is ripe

for New York to invest in a new generation of shovel-ready sites, and FAST NY will help usher in a new era of growth."

FAST NY grant funding will be used to improve the shovel-readiness of existing, mature sites by funding improvements such as water infrastructure, sewer infrastructure, roads, electrical substations and power and gas lines, as well as prepare an emerging pipeline of future shovel-ready sites by addressing necessary pre-development site planning and reviews.

Empire State Development launched a FAST NY online portal to solicit interest and provide updates about the program as it is developed. The site will serve as the home of the FAST NY grant program, which, following the passage of the state's budget, will eventually feature a formal application. The information collected will help inform the State as it reviews potential sites that would position New York to be a more competitive place to locate and expand a business, by helping to usher in a new era of market-ready infrastructure.

State Senator Anna M. Kaplan said, "As we look to strengthen New York's economy coming out of the pandemic era, and as we seek to bolster local manufacturing to avoid future supply chain disruptions, it's vital that we invest big into the high-tech manufacturing sector that will be a significant driver of future economic growth and innovation. Taking steps now to attract these growing industries to New York will position our State for long-term economic success and strong job creation well into the future."

Assemblymember Harry B. Bronson said, "It is important to make sure New York is ready for the future, and this starts with making sure that our state is prepared to grow the economy in industries that are in high demand. Through Fast NY, we will ensure that we have taken the necessary steps to make the Empire State attractive to key industries in this extremely competitive market."

Shovel-ready investments are a key driver in site selection for the semiconductor industry. Governor Hochul has recently voiced her strong support for federal investments in domestic semiconductor manufacturing by joining 22 other governors calling for the passage of the CHIPS Act, which plays a crucial role in nation's economy and our national security, and has previously written an oped on the importance of passing this federal legislation investing in the domestic semiconductor industry.



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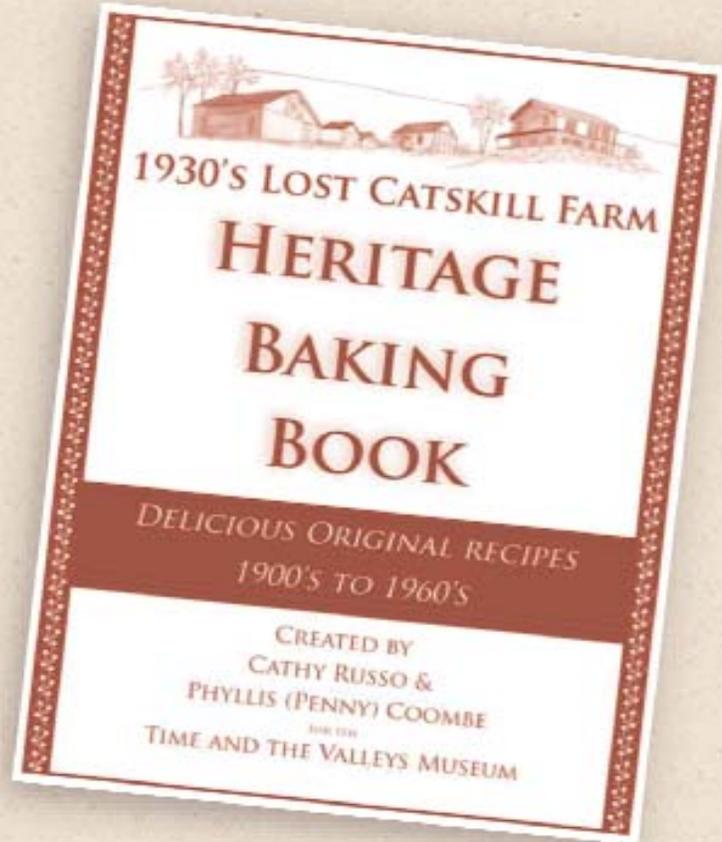
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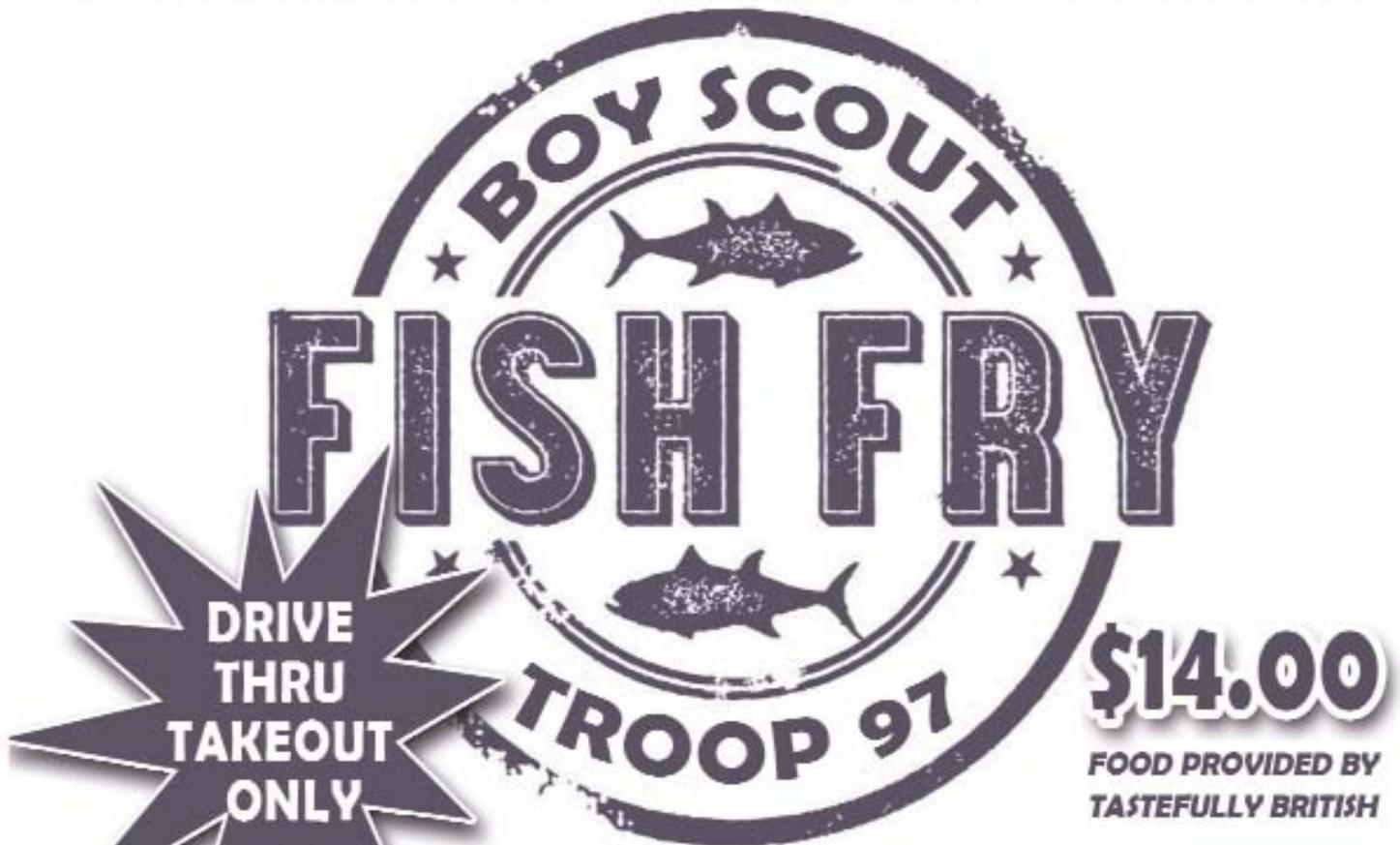
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Governor Hochul Announces New State Park Named for Sojourner Truth

Dedicated To 19th Century African American Hudson Valley Native, Abolitionist and Suffragist

- **\$13.5 Million Acquisition of Former Cement Production Plant Along More than Mile of Hudson River Shoreline in Kingston and Town of Ulster**
- **State Parks, PIPC Will Partner with Scenic Hudson to Operate New Park**

In recognition of Black History Month and Women's History Month, Governor Kathy Hochul announced today a new State Park planned for more than 500 acres of former industrial property along the Hudson River shoreline in Ulster County will be named for 19th century African American abolitionist and suffragist Sojourner Truth. This will be the first State Park in the City of Kingston and the first new State Park to open since July 2019.

"It is fitting such a magnificent property with its cliffs and Hudson shoreline bears the name of a remarkable woman who started life right here in Ulster County," Governor Hochul said. "New York is committed to reflecting the diverse stories of its people, such as Sojourner Truth and her message of freedom and equality, that have influenced our state's inspiring history."

Born enslaved in 1797 in Esopus, Ulster County, Isabella "Bomefree" Baumfree freed herself from slavery in 1826 a year before legal enslavement ended in New York. In 1828, she won a lawsuit to regain custody of her son, who had been sold into slavery in the Deep South, marking one of the first legal cases where an African American woman prevailed in court against a white person.

Following her deeply held religious views she traveled as an itinerant preacher, speaking 'truth' to the harsh inequities endured by people of color and women while calling for systemic change. Renaming herself Sojourner Truth, she became one of the nation's leading voices for abolition and universal suffrage in the mid-19th century. During the Civil War, she recruited men for the Union Army, and worked for the Freedmen's Bureau, an agency that assisted the newly freed enslaved. After the war, she continued advocating for universal voting rights. Sojourner Truth died in 1883, after African American men had received the vote but with the national adoption of women's suffrage still four decades away.

In August 2020, State Parks installed a statue of her at the western entrance to the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park in Highland, Ulster County and dedicated it to the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in a ceremony attended by one of her descendants.

State Parks partnered with the not-for-profit environmental group Scenic Hudson to protect land for this new park that earlier had been slated for a large-scale private development. Funding for the \$13.5 million purchase by State Parks was provided through the state Environmental Protection Fund. About three-quarters of the property is in Kingston, with the balance in Ulster.

Once the site of cement production, brick making, quarrying, and ice harvesting, the property already includes the Hudson River Brickyard Trail. Part of the Empire State Trail and the Kingston Greenline, this paved trail opened in December 2020 as a project of the city of Kingston, which manages the trail, and Scenic Hudson. It offers spectacular views of the Hudson River and the 150-foot cliffs of limestone and sandstone that drew cement production to the site beginning in the 1840s.

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "State Parks is proud to name our newest Park in honor of Sojourner Truth, an early prominent voice in New York and later the nation for abolition and women's rights. In addition to bringing her story to visitors, this park also will allow for interpretation of the site's industrial and indigenous history and will help protect the ecology of the Hudson River. The new park will support the ongoing economic revitalization of Kingston and the regional recreational tourism economy. It will benefit the quality of life for residents throughout the year, as well as provide a major new Hudson Valley attraction for users of the Empire State Trail."

Palisades Interstate Parks Commission Executive Director Joshua Laird said, "We are thrilled that our newest state park will honor Sojourner Truth and her powerful legacy as an abolitionist and voice for women's rights. We look forward to telling her story and to interpreting the reclamation of this former industrial site into a beautiful and dramatic landscape overlooking the Hudson River. The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to Governor Hochul, State Parks Commissioner Kulleseid and to Scenic Hudson for their efforts to protect this land."

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, "Scenic Hudson is delighted that Governor Hochul has chosen to celebrate the life and legacy of Sojourner Truth by naming this park after her. Through her courage and forceful voice for justice and equality for all, she set an example that still resonates strongly in this vitally important ongoing cause. We're grateful to Governor Kathy Hochul and State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid for leading the state's acquisition of this magnificent property, rich in history and possibility for public enjoyment. Adding this to the New York Park system is truly a visionary step, and we salute their partnership in this conservation action. Scenic Hudson looks forward to continuing our cooperation with State Parks, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and the Kingston and Ulster community as we turn this former industrial site into an exciting place for all people to connect with the outdoors, the region's Indigenous and labor heritage, and each other. With its unique combination of natural beauty and history, I have no doubt Sojourner Truth State Park will quickly become one of the region's premier recreational destinations. We also wish to acknowledge Scenic Hudson's generous supporters who made possible our acquisition of the property, those who worked with us to save the property from development years ago, and Scenic Hudson Board members and staff for their important roles at every stage of the process."

State Parks will install limited parking and hiking trails to provide public access for passive recreation this spring. Until then, except for the Hudson River Brickyard Trail, the property is not open to the public. Scenic Hudson has already conducted a comprehensive study of the property's ecological, geological, and cultural resources.

Under an agreement, State Parks, Scenic Hudson, and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission will collaborate and solicit public input on how Sojourner Truth State Park will be developed. Scenic Hudson, which will operate the park under a five-year agreement, has already held public meetings on the topic and more meetings will be announced by the partners in the future.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "This visionary effort to induct the City of Kingston into the New York State Parks system holds deep meaning in our community. I'm proud to have secured \$200,000 in state funding to support this triumphant project, which will bring a first-of-its-kind green space amenity into our community while memorializing one of the most prolific figures of our county, state, and nation - Sojourner Truth. I thank Governor Hochul, State Parks, and Scenic Hudson for making this landmark investment in Kingston so that we can proudly transform this history-rich stretch of land into our City's first-ever State Park." (Contd. 51)

Governor Hochul Announces New State Park Named for Sojourner Truth

(From Pg. 50) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill said, "Governor Hochul continues to demonstrate her knowledge, concern and energy on behalf of our area. Today is the latest example. Naming this park for one of the most important people from our community, Sojourner Truth, is fitting and appropriate. It was just several hundred yards up the shoreline, to Sleightsburg and the Rondout Creek where Truth, then known as Isabel Bumford, a young girl, trekked over several miles, every single day, crossing the Creek on a skillypot raft, with provisions for the tavern owned and run by her enslavers. The statue that stands in the center of Port Ewen portrays this young, exploited, but strong and determined teen age girl serves as a stark reminder that our community was not exempt from the horrors of slavery. Indeed, some of our fore bearers did not even distinguish between adults and children in their exploitation of other human beings. But the naming of this park recognizes all of the greatness of Sojourner Truth and the impact she has had on freedom, demonstrating strength in the face of adversity and inspiring a nation. Let every visitor pause for a moment to take in the beauty of our community and remember this as the home of this important national leader."

Kingston Land Trust Executive Director of Cultural Engagement and Sustainable Living Shaniqua Bowden said, "This park, named after our region's inspirational champion, Sojourner Truth, is a tremendous honor and dedication to the life and legacy of her incredible heroism. It is my hope that this land is a haven of invigoration and rejuvenation that deepens our appreciation of nature's magic and the interconnections that are vital to the existence of all living beings."

Hudson River Valley Greenway Executive Director Scott Keller said, "Sojourner Truth State Park is an iconic Hudson River property that provides unique recreational, open space, and ecological benefits to New York residents and visitors. Future park improvements will enhance public access created by the Hudson River Brickyard Trail completed last year, which is a critical link in the Hudson River Valley Greenway and Empire State Trail in Kingston and Ulster County."

Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, "After years of sitting neglected, this unique urban property will, for the first time, be open for Kingston residents to access its breathtaking views, incredible trails, and beautiful Hudson River waterfront. We are looking forward to working with all of our partners to make this a world class park that is accessible to each and every resident of Kingston and our surrounding communities. I thank Governor Hochul for her commitment to our parks and open spaces and also for recognizing Sojourner Truth's legacy here."

Last summer on the property, abandoned cement silos and two for-

mer structures of the cement industry were removed to improve site safety, as well as expand areas for future programming and events. Remaining structures, including the chimney and mule barn dating to the site's brick-making period, as well as many low-rise structures from the cement industry that are visible from the Hudson River Brickyard Trail, have the potential to be interpreted and integrated into the landscape. Former quarry pits on the property have filled with water, and while not suitable for swimming, support fish populations.

The site is a part of the traditional homeland of the Esopus tribe of the Lenape, who inhabited the area of Kingston until the 1600s when they were displaced by European colonists. In addition to telling the story of the Esopus, the site will allow for the interpretation of industrial history, geology, the resilience of our natural environment, and the significant role of the Hudson Valley in the development of New York State and the nation.

Prior to Scenic Hudson's purchase, the former cement mine and processing facility grounds were destined for development into a 1,682-unit mixed-use site, a project that had drawn significant public concern.

The Scenic Hudson purchase was made with support of private donors including philanthropists Eric and Wendy Schmidt, the Walbridge Fund, The PCLB Foundation, the Kathryn W. Davis Fund for Hudson River Parkland Acquisition, Carolyn Marks Blackwood, Will Nixon, Illiana K. van Meeteren, Sue Sie, Steven Holl and Robert Lonergan.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails, and boat launches, which were visited by a record 78 million people in 2020. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit www.parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer mobile app or call 518.474.0456. Also, connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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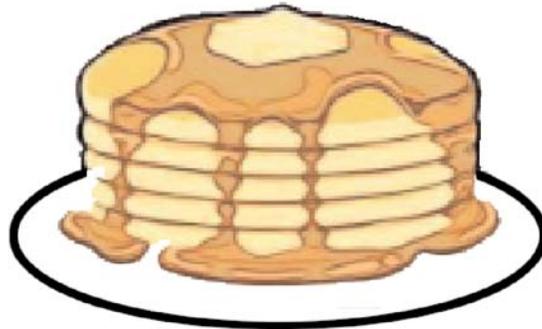
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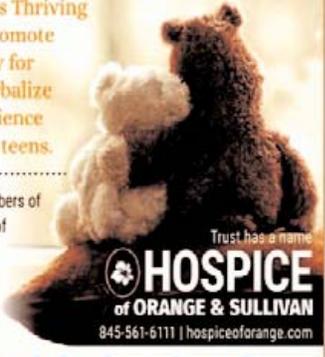
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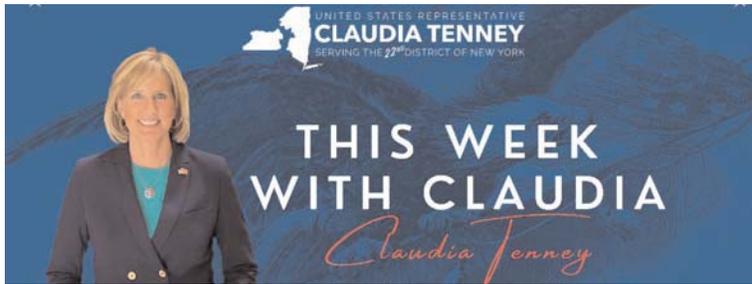
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On Monday, in an act of political theater, Vladimir Putin, on the advice of oligarchs and government cronies, announced his intent to illegally recognize the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk and Luhansk as independent states. This action represents a blatant violation of international law, the Minsk Accords, and most importantly, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Since then, the Russian military has launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, murdering innocent civilians and hundreds of Ukrainian troops. Ukraine's very existence is under threat, and the United States, as well as our allies and partners from across the world, must stand up to this malfeasance.

On Friday, I joined a bipartisan group of my colleagues to introduce legislation to impose sanctions on members of the Russian Duma (legislature) who voted in favor of Russia's illegal recognition of the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as independent states. I'm also calling for stronger diplomatic and economic actions in response, including:

- Kicking Russia off the SWIFT international payments system
- Targeting Russia's oil sector with sanctions AND expanding our domestic oil and natural gas production
- Removing Russia from the United Nations Security Council
- Freezing assets of and imposing visa bans on corrupt oligarchs and those who enable Putin

The United States must stand against authoritarians and war criminals, like Vladimir Putin. I'm also honored to be spearheading a resolution calling on the Administration to remove Russia from the UN Security Council. It's a tall order, but we should act to uphold core values and promote peace. I urge my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to join me in this effort. The time to start building a diplomatic coalition to reform the UNSC and remove Russia's Permanent Member status is NOW.

To read more - Russia emboldened by Biden's diplomatic 'weakness,' delayed sanctions, House Foreign Affairs Republicans say go to:

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/russia-emboldened-by-bidens-diplomatic-weakness-delayed-crippling-sanctions-two-republicans-say>

Congress wants to oust Russia from U.N. Security Council go to:

<https://www.axios.com/congress-oust-russia-security-council-82d71b0e-eea5-45dc-9032-0fd6fc0d9ea3.html>

Why Does Speaker Pelosi Want to Fence-In the Capitol Building Again?

On Wednesday, I joined my House Republican colleagues in a letter to Speaker Pelosi to address plans to once again erect fencing around the U.S. Capitol building in advance of the State of the Union, without any evidence being provided of an imminent security threat.

The Capitol perimeter was previously fenced-in from January 2021 through July 2021, and the Capitol building has been closed to the public since March 2020. I have been a vocal critic of the Capitol's continued closure to the American people and recently sent a letter to the House Sergeant-at-Arms demanding the Capitol reopen to the public immediately. I also cosponsored a resolution supporting the reopening of the Capitol. This is the People's House and it should be open to you and your family. The full text of the letter is available here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2.23.22_McClain%20SOTU%20Fencing_FINAL.pdf

Ensuring Taxpayer Dollars Do Not Fund Abortions

It is vital that we protect the lives of our most vulnerable and the unborn. The Biden Administration, however, recently created a task force at the Department of Health and Human Services that would be responsible for pushing forward its extreme policy of abortion-on-demand. I strongly oppose this task force, which violates the basic understanding that No Taxpayer dollars should be used to advance abortion in America.

In response I joined my colleagues to introduce legislation defunding this task force. The No Pro-Abortion Task Force Act will help ensure no taxpayer dollars are used to fund abortion or advance abortion policies!

New York State Should Not Reduce the Overtime Wage Threshold for Farmers

On Thursday, I joined House Republican Conference Chairwoman Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and other New York colleagues in sending a letter to New York Governor Kathy Hochul, which addressed the New York Farm Labor Wage Board's recent decision to lower the overtime threshold for farm laborers from 60 hours to 40 hours and urged the Governor to reject this proposal, which runs counter to the realities of farming in Upstate communities.

In January, the New York Farm Labor Wage Board recommended to Governor Hochul that the overtime threshold for farm laborers in New York State be lowered to 40 hours per week from the current 60-hour per week threshold. This recommendation was made in spite of 70% of the public testimony favoring a 60-hour threshold. In response to the change, Upstate farmers and laborers have expressed concern about how the proposal could negatively impact their operations, food production, and available working hours for laborers.

The full text of the letter is available here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2.24.22%20Letter%20to%20Hochul%20on%20Overtime%20Wage%20Threshold%5B52%5D.pdf>

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6PM to 7:30PM**

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*** Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site**

***Appointments are required**

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Presented by:
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Licensed Agent

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I
 ON TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX
SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE

(TV MINI SERIES 1973 RATED TV-MA PG / 1973 / 1HR 49MIN / DRAMA,)

The film series stars one of my favorite Swedish females actresses, Liv Ullmann, following in the greatness as **Greta Garbo, and Ingrid Bergman.**



The film is an emotional roller coaster from start to finish. There are no easy answers in *Scenes from a Marriage*. The person who is handling things the best will just as often hit a new low when they are revisited down the road by the same old events and people. The couple's bond will never disappear and yet they can never be what they once were to each other. Starring **Liv Ullmann** as Marianne six 1973 episodes; **Erland Josephson** as Johan six 1973 episodes; **Gunnel Lindblom** as Eva two 1973 episodes; **Bibi Andersson** as Katarina one 1973 episode; **Jan Malmström** as Peter one 1973 episode..



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*(From Pg. 58)***“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II**SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS ON
TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,**WHO'S AFRAID
OF VIRGINIA WOOLF****(PG-14 / 1966 / 2HR 24MIN / DRAMA)**

The story of a bitter middle-aged couple and the complexities of their marriage built upon her contempt and ridicule of his lowly position at a New England college. Virginia invites a new colleague of her husband and his wife over for drinks, only to use the naive couple to fuel the anguish and emotional pain, leading to a distressing night. **Directed by Mike Nichols. Starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, George Segal and Sandy Dennis.**

**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III**SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS ON TCM,
AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,**THE 500 DAYS
OF
SUMMER****(PG-13 / 2009 / 1hr 35min / Romance/Comedy)**

500 DAYS OF SUMMER is a 2009 American romantic comedy-drama film directed by Marc Webb from a screenplay written by Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, and produced by Mark Waters. The film stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel, and employs a nonlinear narrative structure, with the story based upon its male protagonist, and his memoir.



We posted these films in the hope of helping people realize the importance of their relationship and staying together through these trying times.

We 'gnomes' believe we marry for life, and that one of the major Sacraments is a marriage based on Love –100% truth, compassion, understanding, and anticipating your spouse's needs.

May God Bless.

*Stay Safe,
Knarf Ódnamoc
Gnome*